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# Youth in Cambridge Win Battle over Vote

Council Supports Voting Rights at Age 17

By Keith J. Winstein

STAFF REPORTER

The Cambridge City Council will petition the Massachusetts legislature to lower the voting age to 17 in city elections.

An 18-month campaign by students at Cambridge's Rindge and Latin high school to lobby the council culminated in an 8-1 vote at the council's meeting on March 25. Passage of the motion followed three previous unsuccessful attempts to lower the city's voting age in the past three years.

The effect of the petition is both to grant permission to the legislature to enact a special law pertaining only to Cambridge and to request its passage. It is known as a "home rule petition" in reference to Massachusetts' constitutional scheme preventing the legislature from intervening in local matters without such a petition.

Seventeen-year-old Cambridge residents would be eligible to vote for City Council and School Committee and on local ballot questions if the legislature enacts the petition, which would make Cambridge the first American municipality to allow citizens younger than the age of 18 to vote.

#### Student lobbying swayed Council

The successful lobbying campaign was organized by 17-year-old Rindge and Latin seniors Jesse Baer and Paul Heintz, co-chairmen of a group of 15 students who worked to lobby the council since October 2000.

In June 2001, the Council voted 3-6 against the group's request to petition to lower the voting age to 16, and 4-5 against a compromise petition setting the age at 17. The

council had narrowly declined to petition for a 16-year-old minimum age by a vote of 4-4 in February 1999, before the high-school group became involved.

But this time, the students' lobbying paid off. Councillors Marjorie Decker, Timothy Toomey and Michael Sullivan, who had voted against the petitions in 2001, changed their votes, leaving only Councillor David Maher against the measure.

"Some of the switches seemed pretty mysterious to us," Baer said.

Toomey, who also represents parts of Cambridge in the Massachusetts House of Representatives,

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# Commencement Speaker May Hold Public Forum

By Jennifer DeBoer

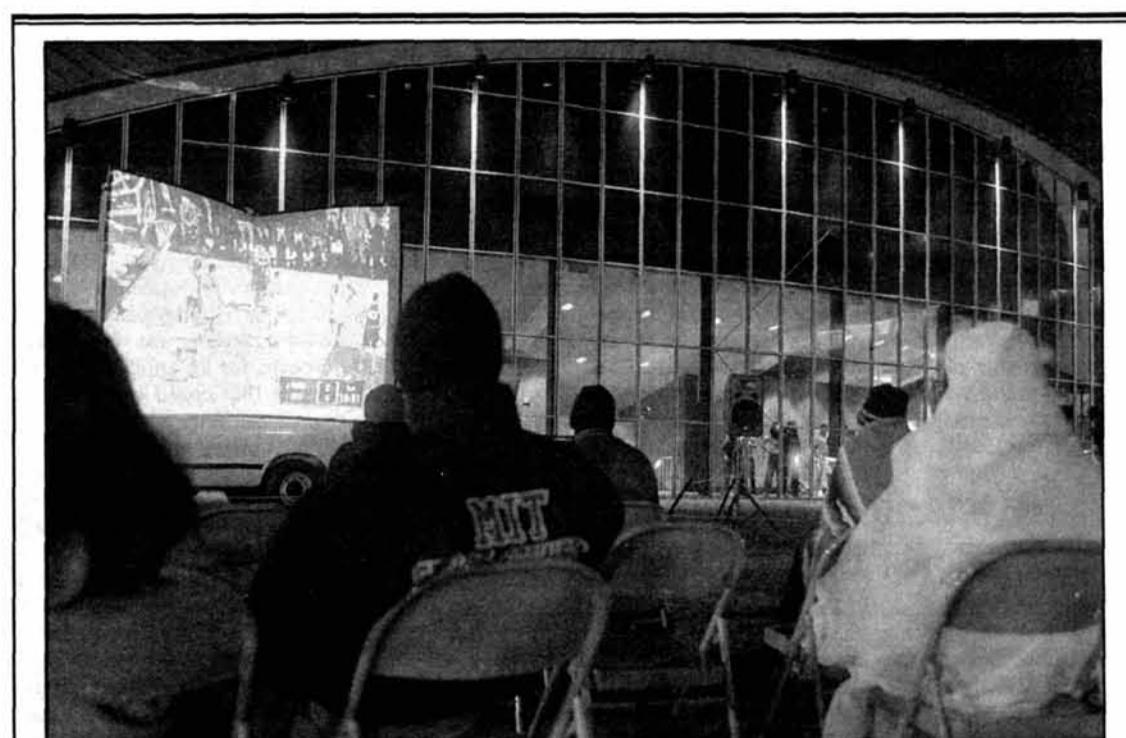
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A petition to hold a public forum featuring this year's controversial commencement speaker James D. Wolfensohn prior to graduation has been brought to President Charles M. Vest.

Special Assistant to the President Kirk D. Kolenbrander said Vest will respond to the petition in a matter of days.

"It would be ideal to have this forum before graduation to raise people's consideration," said Arjun Mendiratta G, one of the students who led the opposition to Wolfensohn's selection as speaker.

"At a university that wants to foster debate, an alternate speaker



Dedicated fans braved chilly winds on Kresge Oval last night to see the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The Maryland Terrapins defeated the Indiana Hoosiers 64-52 for their first national title.

MIKE LIN—THE TECH

# Requests for Housing Changes to be Binding

By Brian Loux

NEWS EDITOR

The undergraduate housing transfer procedure has been changed this year to include a new lottery system and a binding agreement to transfer if given an opening.

Manager for Undergraduate Residential Services Denise A. Vallay wrote in a Fall Housing Notice email, "if you file a housing request form, and you receive a new assignment, then you must move." Vallay was unavailable for comment.

"There will be a lottery at the end of April for all house transfers," said Dormitory Council President Matthew S. Cain '02. Students "can select [at maximum] three or four dorms or as few as they wish, with the understanding that 'If I'm given one of these, then I will accept this.'" The program is only a pilot, Cain said, and it is unclear whether it will continue in the following years.

Applications for the lottery must be received by April 10 to be guaranteed a spot in Simmons Hall, or by April 20 otherwise. "Medical needs are a separate issue and will be han-

dled on a case by case basis," Cain said.

The policy change was announced to those on the application waiting lists, who were given a chance to alter their requests in response.

#### Lottery replaces faulty list system

Cain hailed the new program as much more simple and efficient. "It will make a few people happier by making it a little more obvious what's going on and when they're going to find out" the results, he said.

Problems in the old system prompted the introduction of the new lottery, Cain said. DormCon, Vallay, and a group of students worked to create a new, improved procedure.

Prior to the change, "if you want to change where you are being housed, ... when a space opens up they offer it to you. You can accept or decline it. It is not efficient and many people are frustrated," Cain said.

Debbie Cheng '04 was one person who faced problems with the

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Anton Van Der Ven G and Aimee L. Smith G protest Israeli military actions in Palestine at the Israeli Consulate in Boston yesterday. Several MIT students participated in the event, sponsored by Act Now to Stop War and End Racism and the Palestinian Right to Return Coalition of Massachusetts.

MICHELLE POVINELLI—THE TECH

# John M. Wynne

Former Sloan School of Management Vice President John M. Wynne SM '56 died of Parkinson's disease last Tuesday at his winter home in Casa de Campo resort, La Romana, the Dominican Republic. He was 81 years old.

"John Wynne's exceptional accomplishments during his years at MIT were marked by his quiet professionalism, a deep loyalty to the Institute and his colleagues, and a gentle sense of fairness in his relations with others," said President Emeritus Howard W. Johnson. "With it all, he had a great sense of humor and a steady unflappability under stress."

Wynne served as a vice president of MIT under Presidents Johnson and Jerome B. Wiesner from 1967 to 1980. He earned a Master's degree in industrial management from MIT Sloan School in 1956. He returned as director of the executive development programs at the

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# WORLD & NATION

## Captive Identified As High-Ranking Al-Qaida

THE WASHINGTON POST

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

A man captured in Pakistan last week has been positively identified as Abu Zubaydah, the chief of al-Qaida operations outside Afghanistan and the highest-ranking lieutenant of Osama bin Laden taken alive since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to U.S. and Pakistani officials.

American officials took custody of Zubaydah and some of more than 20 other suspected al-Qaida operatives from Pakistani authorities Sunday and were preparing to fly them to an undisclosed U.S. military facility, according to senior U.S. and Pakistani intelligence officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Zubaydah was taken prisoner along with the other al-Qaida suspects and about 40 Pakistanis early Thursday from more than a dozen private homes in the east Pakistani cities of Faisalabad and Lahore. He was shot in the groin and thigh while trying to escape the Pakistani police and U.S. agents swarming over a home that he shared with seven or eight other Arab men, according to one Pakistani intelligence official.

## Mysterious 'Blob' Off Florida Coast Baffles Scientists

THE WASHINGTON POST

MIAMI

Since early January, a mysterious phenomenon has darkened the waters off the southern Gulf Coast of Florida, sending scientists scrambling to identify what is going on, raising some concerns among tourists, and keeping the fish away — but not, it appears, killing them in any great numbers.

The mass — called black water, black goo, the blob — at its peak in February was as much as 100 miles long, extending from just south of Naples to the Florida Keys. It now appears to be dissipating as it slowly drifts south through the Keys, a shadow of its former self.

"We don't know what it is," said Allison McDonald of the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg. "It appears marine life is avoiding it, which is another mystery. How come they know to avoid it?"

From satellite imagery, the blob appears black, but divers have described it as a "creepy green." At a meeting Thursday, scientists from all over the state agreed on one thing: It probably was not caused by runoff from Florida rivers that flow into the Gulf. Beyond that, their best guess is that it was some kind of massive plankton bloom. Scientists say the Florida "event," as they call it, differs from the "dead zone" identified a few years ago near the mouth of the Mississippi River in the northern Gulf. Florida's coastal waters have not been affected by that occurrence.

## A 9/11 Baby Boom?

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

Expect more babies, more marriages and more divorces in New York City in the year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, predict two psychologists who study how couples react to disasters. That's because life-threatening events seem to motivate "people to take significant actions in their close relationships," Professors Catherine Cohan of Penn State University and Steve Cole of UCLA write in the March issue of the *Journal of Family Psychology*.

At least that's what happened after Hurricane Hugo slammed into South Carolina in 1989, temporarily reversing a decade-long drop in the marriage rate there and sending the number of births and divorces shooting upward, Cohan and Cole report.

# Israeli Forces Enter West Bank Towns as War Widens

By Keith B. Richburg

THE WASHINGTON POST

BETHLEHEM, WEST BANK

Widening their self-proclaimed war against terrorism, Israeli troops Monday fanned out to the northern West Bank towns of Tulkarem and Qalqilya and began conducting house-to-house searches for Palestinian gunmen in Ramallah. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks and armored vehicles massed on the outskirts of Bethlehem for an anticipated new offensive that could come within hours.

Also Monday evening in Jerusalem, a potential suicide car-bombing was apparently averted when a suspicious car was stopped at one of the numerous police checkpoints along the city's Green Line separating the Palestinian Eastern half of the city from Jewish West Jerusalem. The driver detonated an explosive device when he was stopped, killing himself and seriously injuring a police officer. Several other people sustained less serious

injuries.

Police officials said the bombing could have caused heavy casualties if the car had been able to reach the city's center, not far beyond the checkpoint. Monday's incident marked the sixth bombing in Israel in six days, a spate of violence that caused Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to declare his country at "war" and to launch the unprecedented military operations deep into Palestinian-controlled areas.

As the Israelis continued their offensive, which Sharon said was aimed at uprooting the "infrastructure of terrorism," Palestinians began executing suspected collaborators ahead of the Israeli advances. In Tulkarem, seven suspected collaborators were dragged out of an intelligence service jail and executed by masked gunmen, and two suspected collaborators were killed in Qalqilya ahead of the Israeli move into the town.

Another suspected collaborator was killed publicly here in Bethle-

hem. The city's mayor, Hanna Nasser, said of the slain man, "He was a very faithful informer" of the Israelis. Asked if the man had received a trial, he replied, "He had a field trial."

The slaying here came ahead of an anticipated Israeli push into the city known as the birthplace of Jesus Christ. With Israeli troops massing at the approaches to the city, Palestinian gunmen on Manger Square, in front of the Church of the Nativity where Jesus was born, were smearing black paint on their faces and preparing for what they promised would be a violent resistance to the expected Israeli incursion.

"Me and my buddies are going to fight until we get killed, because we have no other choice," said a 27-year-old gunman, who identified himself as a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia faction closely linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's own Fatah movement.

# Supreme Court Accepts Appeal In Three-Strikes Law Challenge

By Charles Lane

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court announced Monday that it will consider whether a California law that imposes dramatically tougher prison sentences on repeat criminal offenders violates the constitutional ban on "cruel and unusual" punishment.

By agreeing to hear the cases of two men who are serving decades in prison for theft under California's law requiring a 25-years-to-life sentence for third felony convictions, the justices have stepped into a mounting national debate over the fairness and efficiency of criminal justice.

"Three strikes and you're out" laws were popular when enacted in California and some 25 other states during the mid-1990s; many state law enforcement officials — and voters — continue to credit them for much of the recent decline in crime,

arguing that the laws take career offenders off the streets.

California's law is considered the toughest third strike law in the country, inasmuch as it authorizes possible life sentences in cases of any third felony conviction, even a nonviolent or relatively minor one, as long as the defendant's two prior offenses were serious or violent.

As incarceration rates have risen, however, three-strikes laws have come under fire from civil rights groups, defense lawyers and even some prosecutors who argue that it is disproportionate to imprison people for decades over offenses that might have received a brief jail term under different circumstances.

For many such offenders, opponents of "three strikes" say, drug treatment would be a more humane and cost-effective alternative.

"The issue is serious ... and the stakes are substantial," Justice David Souter wrote in February

2001, dissenting together with Justice Stephen Breyer from the court's decision not to hear a similar case about the California law.

At the time, no lower court had yet voided a California "three strikes" sentence, and two other liberal-leaning justices, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, were on record as saying the issue was "serious" but needed more lower-court review. The votes of four of the nine justices are needed to agree to hear an appeal. The court is led by a five-member conservative-leaning majority.

Then, in November 2001, the San Francisco-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit overturned a sentence of two consecutive 25-years-to-life terms meted out to convicted thief Leandro Andrade.

The 9th Circuit held that the Constitution "does not permit the application of a law which results in a sentence grossly disproportionate to the crime."

# WEATHER

## A Quiet Start to April

By Michael J. Ring

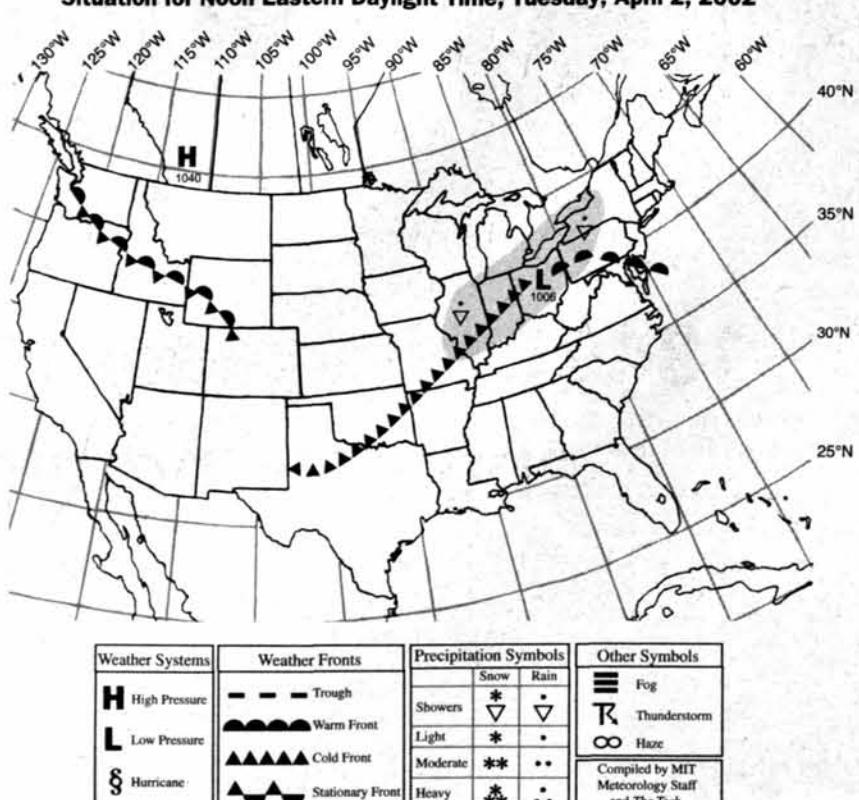
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The national weather pattern for the first week of April appears fairly quiet. There is one storm today, centered over Ohio, bringing rain showers to the great lakes area (with perhaps a few snowflakes mixed in to the north and west of the storm). This system might bring us some rain showers tomorrow. Otherwise, most of the country should experience dry, seasonable weather for the next few days, perfect for the return of baseball.

March continued the trend of the warmer than normal temperatures we have enjoyed recently. The average temperature at Logan Airport for the month was 40.1°F, or 1.2°F greater than the normal mean temperature. The March precipitation total of 3.52 inches was only one-third of an inch below normal. However, because of the larger rainfall and snowfall deficits encountered in January and February, the city is 2.60 inches short of normal precipitation for the year to date.

**Today:** Increasing cloudiness and mild. High near 55°F (13°C).  
**Tonight:** Cloudy with a chance of showers towards dawn. Lows near 45°F (7°C).  
**Wednesday:** A chance of showers. Warmer with highs around 63°F (17°C).  
**Wednesday night:** Showers ending, then clearing late. Colder with lows near 37°F (3°C).  
**Thursday:** Sunny and seasonably cool. Highs near 52°F (11°C) and lows near 30°F (-1°C).  
**Friday:** Partly cloudy and continued cool. Highs near 48°F (9°C).

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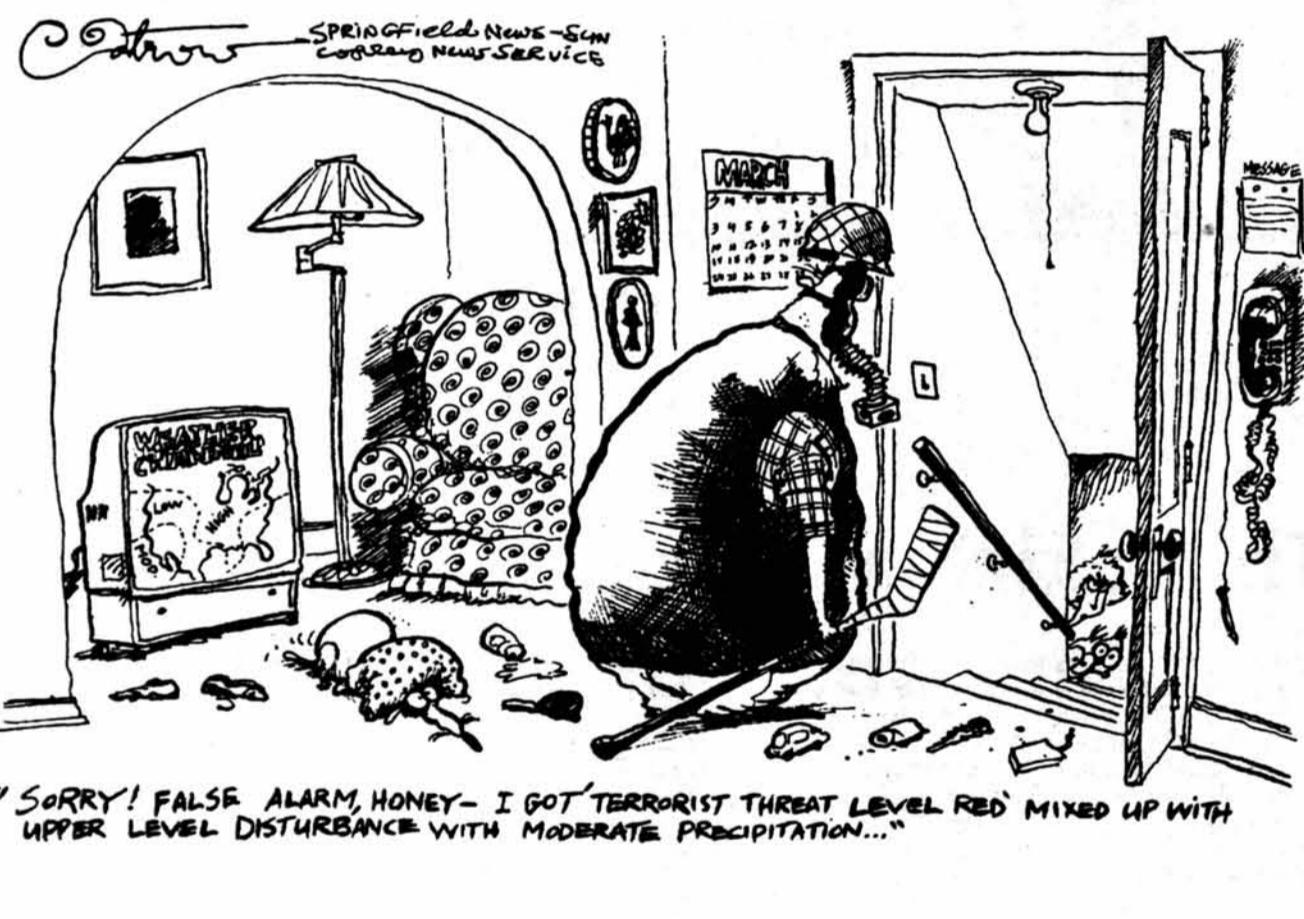
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## Letters To The Editor

### Get Something Done

I am disappointed with Stephanie W. Wang's complaints about the UA and class councils ["Unanimous Apathy," March 19]. Although I am not quite sure what the UA-proper does, all I know is that the Class of 2002 Council rocks my world. In addition to

having study breaks and formals, they threw their own rock concert (Naughty by Nature) which Donald Trumped Spring Weekend's, they threw a successful career fair despite the turmoil of the fall and brought you Ten Degree Chill from a successful battle of the bands with MIT Habitat. Best of all, I attended the class of 2002 Foxwoods trip where I won 500 big ones playing Ace-Deuce.

If you think there is a problem, then why don't you run, or use the other avenues available to improve student life. In the prophetic words of W. Axl Rose:

"You could be mine  
But you're way out of line  
With your bitch slap rappin'  
And your cocaine tongue  
You get nothing done"

James P. Flynn '02

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# Progressing Toward Gender Bias

Stephanie W. Wang

I am sure there was much talk of the progress towards equality during Women's History Month. Despite all that "progress," what has transpired at one of the world's most respected institutions in the last few months?

At the 2004 Ring Premiere, a male faction cheered loudly and someone even barked "the patriarchy rules!" as the two-men seal decision was announced. Someone contended that naked women on posters actually liberate females and an organization as "reputable" as the Graduate Student Council actually put its stamp of approval on one of these posters. To top it all off, a report released by committee investigating the status of women faculty found continuing gender bias in all Institute schools.

I have never taken a women's studies class and my indignation need not derive from feminist theory as some would be quick to suppose. Call it naïveté, but I have always believed that the desire for equality where incomprehensible, detrimental inequalities exist would be intrinsic to all humans. I do realize that the gender inequalities that exist in many parts of the world are far more harrowing and deserve far more attention than they have received. However, the same set of justifications are used all around the world, be it MIT or rural China, to perpetuate these inequities; gender bias thus should be addressed here at the Institute.

With respect to the Brass Rat, the resounding argument was one for tradition. Just as there is the naturalistic fallacy, there is also the traditionalistic fallacy: if it is tradition, it must be good. Reflect upon the numerous traditions that have been constructed and deconstructed throughout history. If traditions that were harmful were not abolished, where would we be now? Voices silenced in the "democratic" process? Rampant enslavement of people to others based on race and gender? Heck, why not keep that tradition of the absolute monarchy "chosen by a deity?" As for me and many others, if certain Chinese traditions had persisted, our feet would be bound, we would be bound to a man we had

never met, and we would be having babies until a sufficient number of boys had been produced. Due to the reactionary efforts of traditionalists, these scenarios remain the realities in many parts of the world.

I am severely disappointed that factions of the MIT 2004 class have chosen the same path of regression in calling for a ring that marginalizes their fellow classmates in the name of tradition. These factions may accuse me of having unfounded concerns because it is "just a ring." Yet didn't they harp on the symbolic importance of the very same ring when it served their blatant chauvinistic cause cloaked in the more palatable "for the sake of tradition" argument?

If people really want the ring seal to reflect the official seal, then shouldn't they work on changing the official seal rather than fall back to the old ways? Silly me, I thought innovative change was one of the foundations of MIT. Thankfully, I recognize the Brass Rat as simply a means for corporate profit and can choose to not purchase what was designed within the patriarchal paradigm. But how many women are suffering very real oppressions every day — without choice — in the name of tradition?

With respect to the supposedly harmless party posters, I have to submit that media is never innocuous and impotent. Let's make the clear distinction that these posters are commercial print advertisements and not artistic expressions. They do not make any attempt of depicting women to show artistic appreciation for female beauty. They are selling a message and the message screams "a female's value derives only from her physical attributes regardless of her abilities." It is this system of valuation that continues to drive the booming sex industry all over the world. The sex industry wreaks havoc on the lives of countless women. Sexual enslavement and prostitution kill. Don't believe these assertions? Think HIV/AIDS. Think STD. Think rape and murder. Think

destitution and abuse. Think the vicious, oppressive cycle.

Of course, one might wonder what a poster at MIT has to do with one of the most extensive and deplorable markets in the world. Frankly, as much as MIT may feel like a bubble at times, it is not. In this increasingly globalized environment, media output in every corner of the world has a far greater impact than anticipated. These posters are adhering to Say's Law, restated by Mill as "supply creates its own demand." The posters are supplying the justification to think of women as empty vessels whose only

purpose is to fulfill the desires of men, sexual and otherwise. It's hardly convincing to say that male demand for this type of behavior won't increase as a result. In essence, the posters at MIT are contributing to the aggregate demand in

the global sex market and trades in this market often have fatal results. Thus, it's only reasonable for members of the MIT community to express their alarm and disgust at this growing trend of degrading posters.

Is it really any surprise that gender bias still exists in the faculties of all schools in the Institute? I must admit that I have never questioned much the philosophy I was indoctrinated with: work towards gender equality by action and never by words. However, if the patriarchal system is being perpetuated with propaganda, then it is time to fight back with words as well as work. After all, I believe that every single female faculty member at MIT has fought gender bias valiantly with the quality of her work, but the system still stands. Moreover, women around the world are born into such oppressive patriarchal regimes that they may never have the opportunity to act to change their situation as is often glibly suggested. Therefore it is imperative to speak on behalf of these women because at least we can see the glass ceiling while they are mired in the dark silence.

# Colonialism by Other Means?

Khoon Tee Tan

When the American and British teams led by Harry D. White and John Maynard Keynes met at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944, sullied and tempered by the destruction and suffering of World War II, it was likely that there was no conspiracy to ensure global economic domination by Western powers. It was in fact an expression of hope, a noble attempt to ensure that future generations would not have to bear the pain and grave repercussions of economic disasters. As a result, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were established. More than half a century later, these very institutions are met with such scorn and vilification, none the least from the "common man" where there was once indifference. What happened in the interim?

At its inception, the World Bank, initially called the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) was to serve as a financier (using largely American funds) for rehabilitation of the European economies destroyed by the war and as an investor in the rest of the world. This role was to be complemented by the IMF, charged with the task of ensuring exchange stability while promoting a system of unhindered trade and capital convertibility amongst nations. These goals have since evolved although the general principles remain largely intact. Today, the World Bank strives to achieve the difficult but morally sound goal of poverty eradication worldwide, and the IMF, the more controversial goal of free capital convertibility, while serving as a "lender of last resort" to crisis-afflicted countries.

The post-World War II period has also seen the rise of non-governmental organizations and various lobby groups. The pressure from these groups (which often serve narrow interests) has led to such varied goals in the World Bank alongside the primary objective of poverty eradication, including environmental, cultural and human rights concerns, civil society participation, education, healthcare, debt relief, etc. Some of these are consistent with the fight against poverty, but at the same time, there are also competing interests against which tradeoffs need to be made.

Given the noble outlook of these institutions, what exactly are the protests all about then? The key to understanding most of these

protests lies in the conditions imposed by the IMF and the World Bank before loans are disbursed to member countries. Furthermore, these institutions are widely seen as undemocratic with disproportionate voting and executive power held by the rich G7 countries, albeit in proportion to their financial contributions.

It could be argued that it is only fair that those who contribute more funds should have more say. But then practically all World Bank and IMF programs these days are carried out in developing countries and poorer regions of the world. Hence, there is a growing perception or at least suspicion that these institutions serve to protect and promote Western interests under the guise of financial aid.

Do the critics have a case? I am not quite sure who coined the term, but the ideals of free trade, capital market liberalization, fiscal discipline and freedom of information, amongst other things, have come to be known as the "Washington consensus," a kind of economic medicine that, if followed by the rest of the world, would lead to greater prosperity for all. Columbia professor Jagdish Bhagwati calls the principal proponents of this consensus the "Wall Street-Treasury complex." It is without doubt that the United States Treasury Department and Wall Street are big fans of such capitalist ideals, which also resonate in many other European governments and financial markets. Hence, it is no coincidence that the World Bank and the IMF consistently appear to uphold the Washington consensus.

More importantly, we need to ask whether the IMF's medicine actually protects and promotes the well-being of those to whom it is prescribed? I have no reason to believe, and would go further to say that it is absurd to think, that the IMF or the World Bank would wish for the failure of the programs and policies that they themselves support financially. But the conditions that they impose, however ideal, are not necessarily suitable in all cases. In fact, in many cases these prescriptions do more harm than good in the short run, no matter how benevolent the intentions.

As an example, the fiscal contractionary measures and high interest rates demanded by the IMF of the countries hit by the recent Asian financial crisis have been widely blamed for exacerbating the situation. The IMF failed to understand (by its own admission later on) that the problem in East Asia,

unlike in Latin America, was not with fiscal discipline.

Of course, it is a bit too late for many of these countries, whose companies, already pressured by a credit crunch, were further decimated by high interest rates and depressed demand, leading to a fire sale of assets to foreign investors. And to make matters worse, the IMF conditions of further capital market liberalization appear to serve the interests of rich country exporters and investors. Perhaps in the long run, these will also serve the interests of the people, but in the meantime, the people have to cope with massive unemployment and extreme structural adjustments, which in some cases has led to internal strife.

The wisdom of promoting the Washington consensus in times of crisis, irrespective of the short run consequences, is questionable. The well-being of society appears to matter less than the near-religious faith in free markets, which is widely seen to benefit the rich. This is what lends credence to the belief that the Bretton Woods institutions today serve as instruments for "colonialism by other means." What a pity, for many countries, especially the East Asian economies in the 1980s and early 1990s, have benefited immensely from foreign direct investments and export-driven growth. In fact, in the Philippines and Malaysia, the income gap between the rich and the poor actually decreased while per capita incomes rose during the same period. But these countries benefited because, in the words of Joseph Stiglitz, "they made globalization work for them;" liberalizing markets at their own pace while attracting long-term investments from abroad.

The IMF and the World Bank would serve the interests of the poor and the crisis-stricken better by being more flexible and less ideologically dogmatic in their stance. Both should strive to engage governments in meaningful consultation. After all, those who have to live out the consequences of the policies undertaken surely deserve some say before the choice is made. The IMF should also refrain from using crises to impose the Washington consensus on member countries. Unless some things change, both will always be open to accusations of neo-imperialism. That would be a shame, for these institutions have an important role to play in ensuring global economic stability while improving living standards worldwide.

# Connected At 42.6 kbps

Akshay Patil

"It's freezing!" my sister exclaims as she draws her jacket around her and hurriedly zips up her jacket.

I give her a look.

"Ok! So maybe I'm just a little bit spoilt!"

It's around 60 degrees Fahrenheit here in Southern California ... needless to say, I'm in a t-shirt and sandals. My younger sister, however, is wearing shoes and, as mentioned earlier, a jacket. Wuss.

Not that I'm really one to talk; what low tolerance my sister has for cold, I easily surpass when it comes to Internet speeds. To me, a trip home means warm weather, beautiful ocean views, and Internet at the speed of glacier movement. When you're at MIT, you miss home; when you're home, you miss ... your computer and Ethernet connection.

Going home to a dialup modem is as close to roughing it as I'd ever like to go, where "roughing it" is defined as being without one of the following items: a toilet or Internet connection.

Have you ever tried to light a fire in the wilderness? Well, that's what it's like trying to connect to the Internet on a dial-up. The failed attempts, the false starts, the frustration ... it's all there. Thursday morning, I had to press the Earthlink "Connect" button five times before I got a successful, roaring data stream. Now that's persistence for you; there's nothing like physically starting up the connection in the morning to make you feel like a real man. I even had to re-type our password each time I tried to connect because the "save password" function refused to work. And some people say I'm out of touch with nature.

You know how your parents sometimes talk of what it was like before the Internet? Do you know what you're going to tell your children about the "old days?"

"You kids these days, you don't know what it was like. Back in my time, we had to connect to the internet *every time* we wanted to do something. I swear ... we had these things called 'modems' and they used to make this noise when they connected: Chhhhhh! Chhhhhh! Eeunk! Eeunk! Beeeeeep!"

"You're so silly Dad! They only have modems in the Tech Museum now!"

I feel old just thinking about it.

It's hard to believe that there was a time when "carbon copy" was more than the little "cc:" under the "to:" field. That's right, back in those days they didn't have "blind carbon copies." They were simpler, more wholesome times.

Yup, there used to be times where "spam" meant "nasty compressed meat" and nothing else. Times when people at parties exchanged telephone numbers, not e-mail addresses. Times when nobody in the course of their day ever had to press the "shift" and "2" key on their keyboard at the same time.

Those days are long gone. Now we live in a digital age; an age where even car envy has been replaced by the ever rampant computer envy:

"So I hear you have a mean machine."

"Yup, I have a souped up Dell."

"Ohhh, what model?"

"Dimension."

"What kind of speeds do you get with that baby?"

"You know ... 1.1-1.2 GHz ... 1.4 if I over-clock her. She's got dual Pentium 4 processors and 1024MB of RDRAM."

"Wow, that must have set you back a bit."

"That it did, got me a 128MB video card too. Oh, and did I mention the 120GB hard drive?"

"Bestill my beating heart."

"Also decided to go with the 23 inch flat panel cinematic display — 1920x1200 resolution of course."

"Air! I need air!"

And let's not get started on instant messenger. I remember the days where talking to your friends over the Internet was the geekiest thing in the world. Now my parents are IMing me. That's when you know instant messaging has become the communication standard. Forget exchanging phone numbers; if you really want to hit on someone, ask for their screen name. Maybe if you two get a bit cozy, you can set up screen names for just the two of you. There's nothing more romantic than a special screen name for that special someone.

For god's sake, people, get a chat-room.

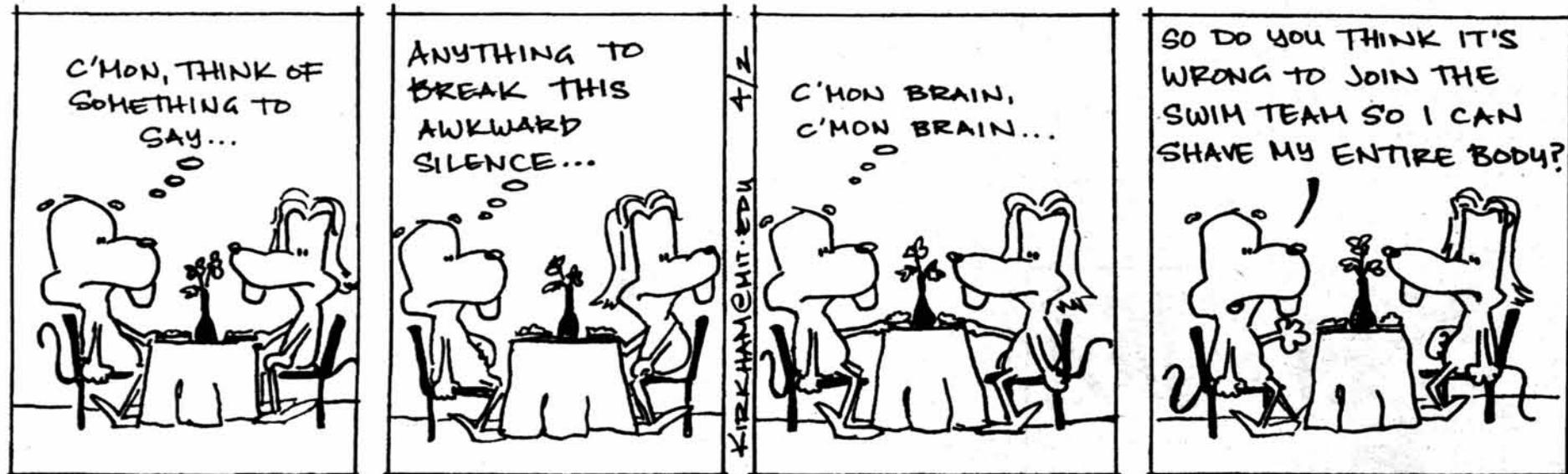
So to all the lovely ladies out there, I may only have a 800Mhz AMD Athlon with 30GB hard-drive space, but I make up for it with my 19-inch flat-screen monitor. Please direct all messages of hunkering love to <patil@mit.edu>.

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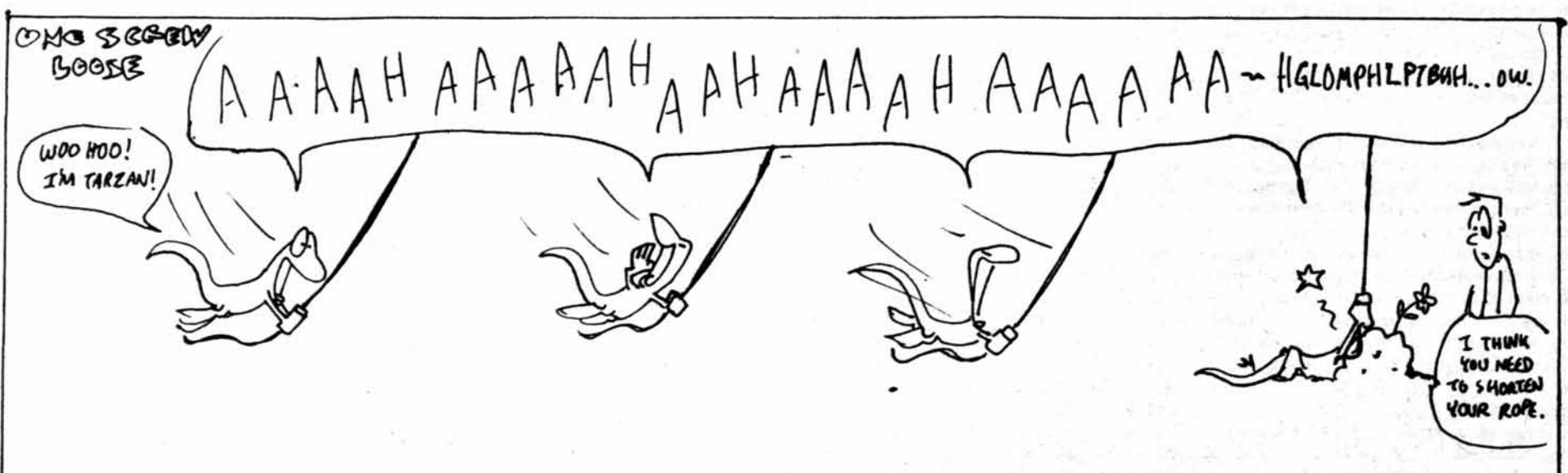
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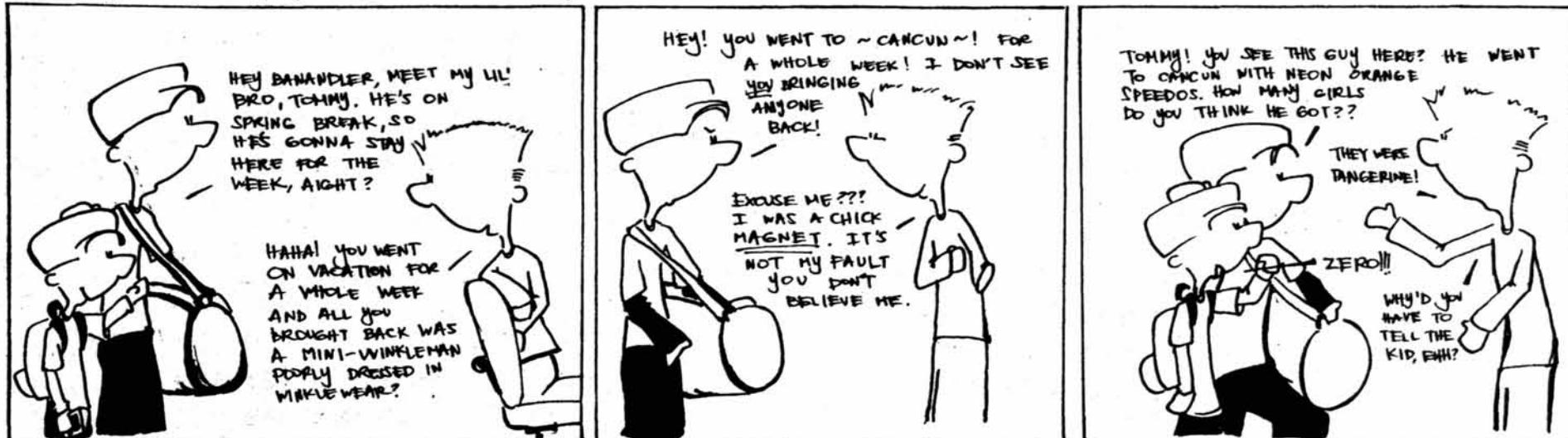
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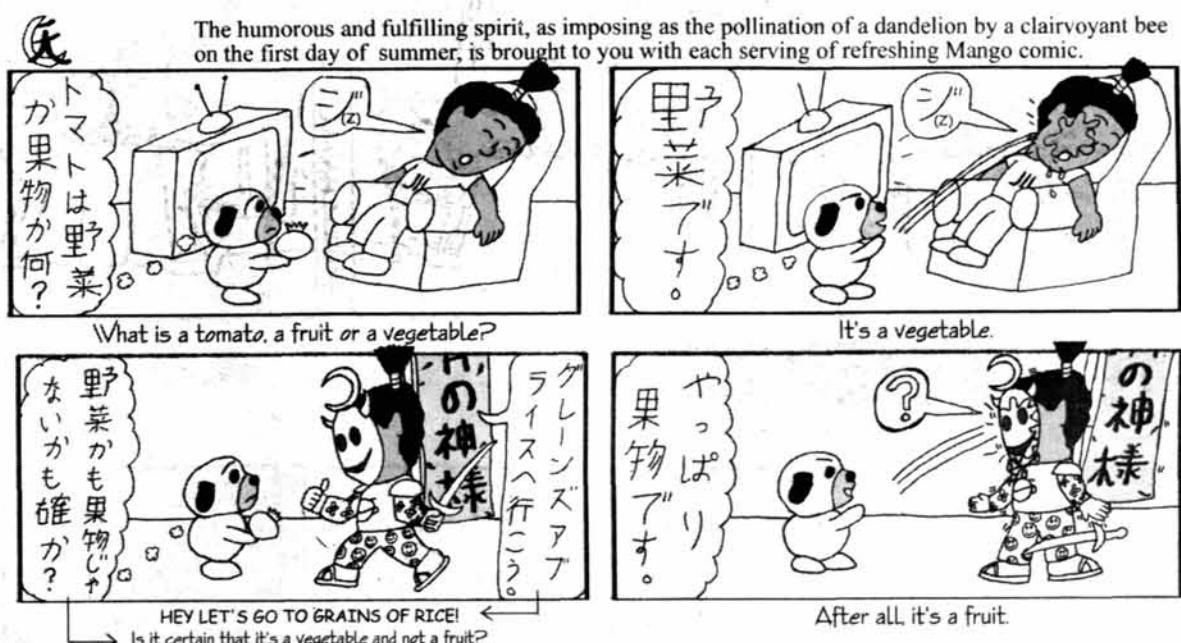


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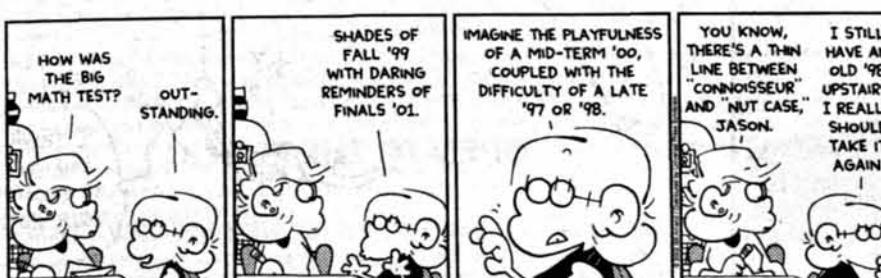
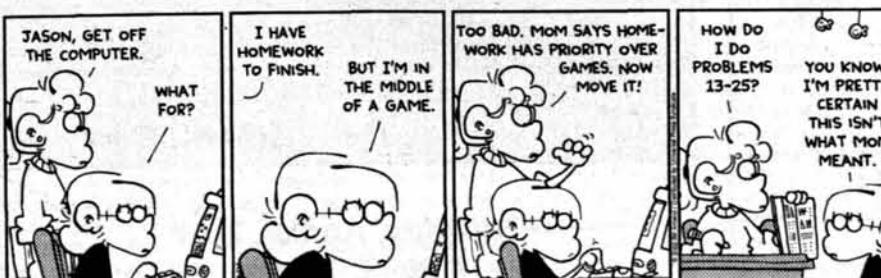
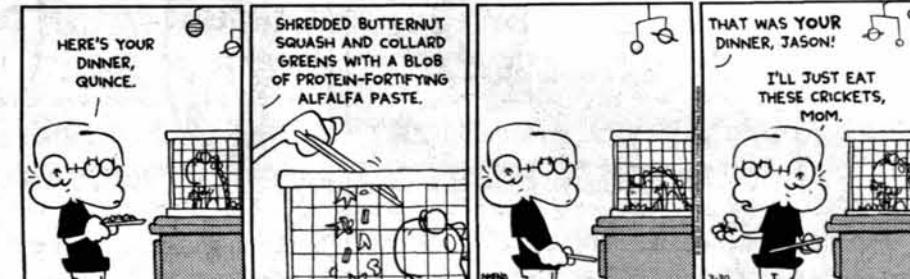
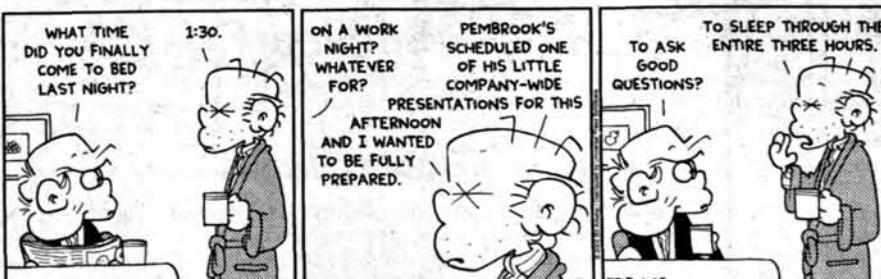
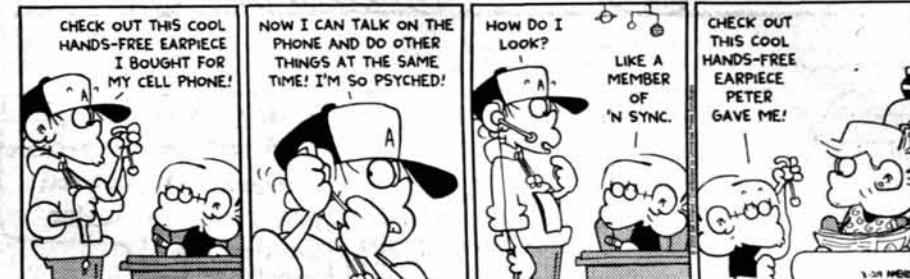
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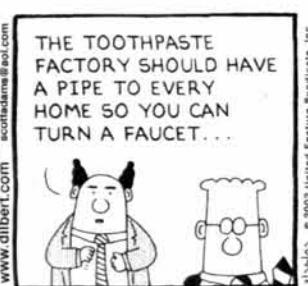
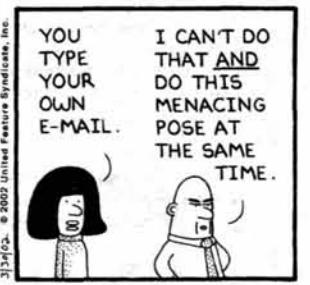
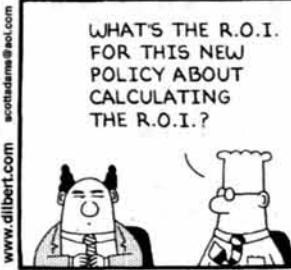
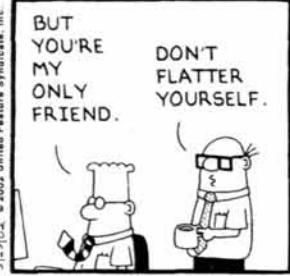
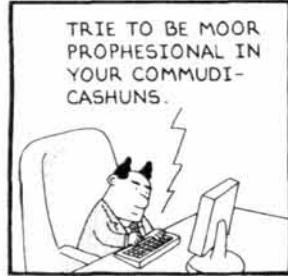
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## FoxTrot by Bill Amend



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## MIT Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar

Presents

**Robert Vitalis**

Department of Political Science  
University of Pennsylvania

**"Race and the Making of U.S.-Saudi Relationship"**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2002**

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**E51-095**

70 Memorial Drive  
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## Tuesday, April 2

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Short-term/Back-up Child Care Briefing.** An overview of options to help prepare for and handle temporary child care needs, including care for children who are mildly ill and care during times when regular providers or programs are not available. Pre-registration is required.. free. Room: 16-151. Sponsor: Family Resource Center.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **The Practice of Enlightenment: Capital, the State, and Technological Change in France and England.** Dibner Institute Luncheon Colloquium. free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **People and Environment on the Northern Chinese Frontiers.** The panel discussion will begin with an overview of environmental change on the northern Chinese frontiers from ancient times to the present, followed by three case studies: the changing geography of settlement and evolution of the division between farmers and herders in Shang and Zhou Shaanxi/Shanxi; environmental change and settlement and subsistence patterns in the Inner Mongolian Maowusu desert from the fifth century to the present; and the environmental impacts of Inner Mongolian urban development in the Ming and Qing eras.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Free Surface Buckling Instability in a Viscoelastic fluid.** free. Room: 3-270. Sponsor: Fluid Mechanics Seminars.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **GTL Seminar.** Results and Analysis of An Aspirated Fan Experiment. free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.

4:30 p.m. - **The Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar: Race and the Making of the U.S.-Saudi Relationship.** free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Human Rights and the Human Genome.** Program on Human Rights and Justice at MIT Spring Speakers Series. free. Room: CIS 6th Floor Conference room, E38, 292 Main St.. Sponsor: Program on Human Rights & Justice.

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - **Industry Leaders in Technology and Management Lecture Featuring:** Lockheed Martin. free. Room: Wong Auditorium, Tang Center. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - **Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings.** Toastmasters@MIT

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, 77 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, Room 5, 134. free. Sponsor: Toastmasters.

6:30 p.m. - **"Twelve Themes in My Work".** Architecture lecture by Juhani Pallasmaa, architect, Helsinki.. free.

Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

9:00 p.m. - **Ivy Plus Virtual Career Fair.** Looking for a job? Check out the Ivy plus Virtual Career Fair. See details at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/>. free. Sponsor: OCSPA.

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## Wednesday, April 3

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - **Solitons in Optical Fibers: Unstable Fiber Lasers and Ultrahigh-Speed Data Transmission.** EECS/RLE Optics . free. Room: Grier Room, 34-401B. Sponsor: Optics.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar.** free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **spouses&partners@mit: Construction @ MIT.** Learn about how our campus is changing at the Stata Center and the Sports & Fitness Center. Meet at the corner of Main and Vassar Streets at 3 P.M.. free. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - **Robust Combinatorial Optimization.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349.. free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - **EXPLORING THE MANY DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:Sustainability:A Multi-Dimensional Concept:Economy, Environment and Employment.** First in a five-part series on EXPLORING THE MANY DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. free. Room: E51-149. Sponsor: The Technology and Culture Forum at MIT.

4:30 p.m. - **"Laying our Lives on the Line: Myths and Realities in Teaching Personal Writing".** Talk by Lynn Z.Bloom, Aetna Chair of Writing, Department of English, University of Connecticut.. free. Room: Rm 14E-303. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

5:00 p.m. - **Arts Scholars Application Deadline.** A community of MIT student artists from all disciplines. Program structured around informal monthly dinners accompanied by presentations by faculty members, artists in residence, fellow students, or Boston-area artists and excursions to off-campus performances, galleries, museums and behind-the-scenes tours. Applications available in Rm E15-205 and Rm 3-234. free. Sponsor: Council for the Arts at MIT.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **Grad Student Night at The Ear.** Every Wednesday is Grad Student Night at The Ear, featuring live music.Tonight: The Atomic Harvester perform lounge-country from 7-9 pm.The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement.Enter through the courtyard.Hours:Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 amTuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 amFriday: 4 p.m. - 2 amMust be over 21. Proper ID required.This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT.. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, The Thirsty Ear Pub.

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## Thursday, April 4

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. - **Christian Fellowship Lounge Hang-out!** Tired out from CPW? Come rest and hang out with a really cool guy (Dave) and anyone else who might be there. Some sort of entertainment will be present! This is a United Christian Organization sponsored event.. free. Room: W11 (Religious Activities Building), between Ashdown and Bexley. Sponsor: Asian Christian Fellowship.

12:00 p.m. - **MIT Chapel Concert: Michele Pinet, harp. Peter Bloom, flute; Christine Vitale, Jing-Huey Wei, violin.** Debussy's "Trio for viola flute and harp"; Saint-Saens' "Fantasy;" and solo works by Salcedo.. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - **Conversational English Class.** Join us for a free conversational English class for international students and spouses at MIT. Most attendees are women able to speak freely who desire to increase their English skills. Class covers a variety of topics including American culture and holiday descriptions.. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Weight Watchers at Work meetings at MIT.** New and returning members are always welcome at this weekly meeting on weight control. Friendly, relaxed lunch hour meetings. More info: tpriest@mit.edu. Room: Building 8-219. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - **(CPW) Science Fiction Library.** The world's largest open-shelf collection of science fiction (including fantasy) will be open. Gaze upon its glory.. free. Room: MITSFS, W20-473. Sponsor: Science Fiction Society, MIT.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Dertouzos Lecturer Series.** Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Verity, Inc."Mining Social Networks for Knowledge Management"Abstract:Social networks have been studied in the context of chains of acquaintanceship between people since Stanley Milgram's experiments suggesting six degrees of separation between individuals. More recently, research in knowledge management has considered social networks as a means of improving web search through link analysis, and connecting people to expertise. We review this research, present some recent results on modeling power law behavior in social networks, and argue that extended social networks are a powerful basis for knowledge management.Bio:Prabhakar Raghavan is Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer of Verity, a maker of knowledge management software. His research interests include text and web mining, algorithms and randomization. After receiving his PhD from Berkeley in 1986, Raghavan worked at IBM Research prior to joining Verity. He is Consulting Professor of Computer Science at Stanford and serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of ACM, ACM Transactions on Internet Technology, and the SIAM Journal on Computing.. free. Room: 34-101, 50 Vassar St., Sponsor: Laboratory for Computer Science.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Mechanical Engineering Seminar: iContraction Analysis of Nonlinear Distributed Systems.** Contraction theory is a recently developed dynamic analysis and nonlinear control system design tool based on an exact differential analysis of convergence. While differential approximation is the basis of all linearized stability analysis, what is new in contraction theory is that differential stability analysis can be made exact, and in turn yield global results on the nonlinear system.This talk extends contraction theory to local and global stability analysis of important classes of nonlinear distributed dynamics, such as convection-diffusion-reaction processes, Bernoulli, Lagrange and Hamilton-Jacobi dynamics, and optimal controller design. It also shows that, in this context, contraction can be regarded as a stability interpretation of entropy producing processes.(Refreshments at 3:45 p.m. in hall outside 3-270. For further information please contact Professor Slotine.) Room: 3-270. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept..

4:15 p.m. - **Bayesian Bioinformatics.** As part of its Biomedical Engineering Seminar Series, the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology presents a series of seminars on Bioinformatics and Genomics. This week, we explore Bayesian Bioinformatics with Marco F. Ramoni, MD, Instructor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital-Boston Informatics Program and Harvard Medical School. The recent completion of a first draft of the human genome has brought several surprises to many and changed our views about many aspects of the genetic code. What has not been shattered is the humongous task of decoding the genome by finding meaning (i.e., a function) for each part of it. This talk will describe how Bayesian methods can offer interesting and unique solutions to some of the critical problems involved in the decoding of the semantics of the genome. We start by describing a coherent Bayesian framework for the basic tasks of functional genomics, such as the quantification and the detection of differential expression levels in microarray experiments and the classification of gene expression profiles. We then describe the use of unsupervised Bayesian methods to identify functional classes in gene expression levels using model-based clustering and how to extend these methods to identify the temporal profiles of gene expression dynamics. Finally, we will describe how to exploit unsupervised learning methods of Bayesian networks to dissect the regulatory mechanisms of gene

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expression. . free. Sponsor: HST.

4:15 p.m. - **Physics Colloquium.** Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics

Albert Einstein Institute, and

University of Wales, Cardiff

"LISA: Gravitational Wave Detector in Space". free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Physics Department.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - **Dynamic Pricing for a Multi-Product Make-to-Order Queue.** ORC Spring Seminar Series. Seminar followed by reception in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room (E40-106).. free. Room: E51-145. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Sahin Lecture: "The Portage: A Place in Time (Reading from a Work in Progress)".** William Cronon will give a reading from a work in progress. Professor Cronon is a historian who studies American environmental history and the history of the American West.. free. Room: 4-370. Sponsor: History Office.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - **Humor on the Web.** Humorists and humor magazines historically have played an important role in American political and social life-focusing attention on hypocrisies and inequalities, helping us to take ourselves a little less seriously, and introducing alternative perspectives into national debates. The Onion and Modern Humorist have emerged as two of the most significant humor magazines on the Web, and they have received heightened attention in the wake of the contested 2000 election and September 11. In this forum, we'll explore what aspects of digital media have facilitated the rapid growth in the visibility and reach of these online publications.. free. Room: Bartos Theater, Media Lab. Sponsor: Communications Forum.

5:30 p.m. - **UNLOCKING THE CLUBHOUSE - Women in Computing.** The information technology revolution is transforming almost every aspect of society, but girls and women are largely out of the loop. Please join us as, social scientist Jane Margolis and computer scientist and educator Allan Fisher examine the many influences contributing to this gender gap in computing.. free. Room: MIT 34-101, Edgerton Hall. Sponsor: authors@mit, The MIT Press Bookstore.

7:00 p.m. - **The Struggle for Peace and Justice in Colombia.** Ms. Vargas, a long-time Afro-Colombian activist in the Choco region, will speak about what's happening in her native land: racism, corruption fueled by foreign investors, a plague of assassinations, and a civil war funded in large part by the United States tax-payer. She will describe her work in grass-roots community development and discuss the challenges faced by human-rights defenders and peace activists.. Room: MIT Room 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project. MIT Amnesty International.

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10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - **UCO Praise and Worship night.** Come praise God with other Christians on campus! All fellowships should be present.. free. Room: Student Center Rm. 407.. Sponsor: Asian Christian Fellowship.

- **Senior Congressional Staff Seminar.** Room: Marlar Lounge. Sponsor: Conference Services.

## Friday, April 5

12:00 a.m. - **Senior Congressional Staff Seminar.** Room: Marlar Lounge. Sponsor: Conference Services.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Campus Preview Weekend Arts Reception.** Reception with food, music, arts freebies, conversation and info about MIT's arts programs for admitted pre-frosh and their families. free. Room: Kresge Lobby. Sponsor: MIT Office of the Arts.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Support Staff Ice Cream Social.** Social gathering for all MIT support staff sponsored by the Working Group on Support Staff Issues.. free. Room: Bush Room 10-105. Sponsor: Working Group on Support Staff Issues.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **AI-Anon Meeting.** Open discussion to help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem of drinking of a relative or friend. Parking is available at Hayward lot - get card stamped at Pediatrics.. free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **MIT Sawyer Series, Modern Times, Rural Places.** "The Portage: A Place in Time". free. Room: MIT, Building E51, Room 095 (Basement). Sponsor: STS.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **"Racism in Europe".** Michel Wieviorka is one of France's leading sociologists. Strongly influenced by the theoretical works of Alain Touraine, and yet his essays are always original and provocative. Over the past decade, he has tried to respond to the re-emergence of racism in France. Michel Wieviorka teaches at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), in Paris. In addition, he is the Director of CADIS (Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologique) and of the monthly magazine "Le Monde des Débats". Co-author and editor of nearly 23 works, Michel Wieviorka is known as a specialist of a number of subjects, from racism and multiculturalism to social movements and terrorism.. Free - Refreshments will be provided.. Room: E38-615 (CIS conference room). Sponsor: MIT France Program.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Mechanical Engineering Seminar.** "Dynamic Characterization and Identification of Parallel Kinematic Mechanisms"

. free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Resource Center CPW Night.** The special CPW night at the new Resource Center for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders and Friends. The Resource Center is regularly open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and provides literature, videos, various educational materials, and simply a nice place to hang out and find other people to talk to.. free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: GaMIT.

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - **Design of Next-Generation Protein Therapeutics: A Marriage of Molecular and Cell Engineering.** Chemical Engineering Department Spring Seminar Series. free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **Fellowship at Killian Court.** There is christian community at MIT?? What about Science, Truth and Reason? We've got all that, and the dip. Come by to meet some brothers and sisters across the campus. Come by to find out if Jesus is real and is the truth.

Or come by and join a team for some ultimate frisbee action! All fellowships will be present, and food in multiple forms will be available, hope to see you there!. free. Room: Killian Court. Sponsor: Asian Christian Fellowship.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **PSFC Seminar.** Electromagnetic Wave Studies in 2D and 3D Plasmas. free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - **Planar Triangulations and a Brownian Snake.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349.. free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **LBGT CPW Welcome Reception.** An informative LBGT CPW Welcome Reception to tell incoming freshmen about services and resources available on campus. Parents are welcome.. free. Room: 5-104. Sponsor: LBGT Issues Group, GaMIT .

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# THE ARTS

**FILM REVIEW★★★**

## Blade II

### Kick-Ass Action, Gut-Wrenching Violence

By Dan Robey

ARTS EDITOR

*Blade II*

Written by David S. Goyer

Directed by Guillermo Del Toro

Starring Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Ron Perlman

Rated R

Vampires, martial arts, leather: What could better fuel an action movie? *Blade II* has all of them, and in heaping portions.

I liked the first *Blade* film. The atmosphere and storyline alone held my attention and made the first installment one of my favorites. The special effects were cheesy, and some of the acting a little off, but I loved it. If you hated it, you will hate the sequel.

*Blade II* stays true to the atmosphere and feel of the first movie, with more mature special effects. Goyer, who also wrote the original *Blade*, in addition to such classics as *Crow: City of Angels* and *Dark City*, has produced a storyline that is a little less coherent than the first. Despite deficiencies in the storyline, *Blade II* is a thoroughly fun movie.

Blade (Wesley Snipes) was born half-human, half-vampire with all the strengths of vampires, but none of their weaknesses. As the feared vampire hunter Daywalker, he has vowed to protect the human race from the evils of the vampires.

The movie opens with Blade finally rescuing his companion Whistler (Kris Kristofferson) from two years of captivity. In the meantime, Blade has adopted a new assistant, Scud (Norman Reedus), who uses his technical cleverness to create powerful weapons for fighting the blood-hungry.

The Vampire Nation is under siege by an even stronger evil: new, mutated vampires called Reapers. Reapers drink not only the blood of humans, but also the blood of vampires. Their thirst is insatiable and they are resistant to silver and garlic, two of the few weaknesses of normal vampires. They increase in number faster than anything seen before, and after they destroy the Vampire Nation, they

will move on to humans.

Mere days after Blade rescues Whistler, two vampire spokesmen breach their sanctuary and propose a temporary truce between Blade and the bloodthirsty vampires until their new mutual enemy is dealt with. Blade reluctantly accepts, and he and a pack of highly-trained vampires start the hunt.

The dark, evil atmosphere of *Blade II* blends perfectly with the first film's and dispels disbelief. Although the story is trite at points, and plot twists are obvious far in advance, the *Blade* feeling pervades and overshadows the inconsistencies.

The martial arts direction in this film is amazing. The vampires have superhuman strength and speed: violent, street-style combat scenes combine hard and fast punching and blocking with impossible moves. Huge sparring sequences dazzle the audience as combatants wield rebar, a giant spiked mace, and the classic *Blade* sword.

Martial arts and the array of weapons Blade uses to fight

the evils of the night all add up to an intensely gory film. Vampires disintegrate and melt on screen, and gallons of blood spill out of the wounds of vampires and humans alike. The *Blade* series definitely holds the title for the bloodiest movies ever.

As in the first film, the special effects still haven't quite caught up to the filmmaker's vision, but new techniques and better graphics blend more smoothly with the somber atmosphere for more spectacular shots. Scenes with disintegrating vampires, for example, are beautifully done, although after the fiftieth fiend burns to dust, it begins to get old. The new Reapers are completely disgusting; their nightmarish mouths are inspired by *Aliens* and *Predator*.

Although the plot is even less original than the first, *Blade II* still delivers with its blood-drenched, dark vision of the world hidden beneath our own. If you want a serious movie with a deep story, move on, but if you want hard action and horrific visuals, see *Blade II*.



—BRUCE TALAMON

Blade (Wesley Snipes) takes care of some Vampires in New Line Cinema's action thriller, *Blade II*

**MUSIC REVIEW**

## Far Side of the World

### Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band

By Amy L Meadows

STAFF WRITER

*Far Side of the World*

March 17, 2002

Mailboat Records

Jimmy Buffett may just be the world's most popular free spirit. His concerts attract thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of otherwise normal human beings who convert into Parrot Heads for a night. They dress up in hula skirts and coconut bras, aim beach balls at the stage, drink Coronas until the world gets fuzzy around the edges, and dance the "land shark" in a sea of people.

Buffett's new album, *Far Side of the World*, gives a glimpse into the personal magnetism that draws people to his concerts. Many of the songs on this new album are every bit as catchy as the ones that made him famous ("Cheeseburger in Paradise" and "Margaritaville"). "Blue Guitar," for instance, has Buffett singing, "You are what you are/You dream what you dream/Play on your blue guitar for me" to a rollicking Caribbean melody.

While the songs are catchy, they are also musically complex, involving a thirteen-piece band with horns, a mandolin, a steel drum, and percussion. For instance, "Last Man Standing" combines numerous instruments and very diverse musical styles. The song blends rock and roll with country and Buffett's own unique melody and style. Other songs span the spectrum between rock and country.

One of the most compelling aspects of *Far Side of the World* is the raw emotion that Buffett invests in the ballads of his album. In

"Mademoiselle (Voulez-Vous Danser)," he comforts his lover, promising that the dawn will soon clear away the night: "You've been sitting there all night long/I know that something must be wrong."

Buffett's songs even recall specific, painful events in his life. In one, he remembers a failed venture: a hotel on St. Barts. "Autour du Rocher" memorializes the constant party before the hotel burned down: "Every night at midnight/Seems the devil took control/And the hill became a parking lot/Fueled by rock 'n roll."

More than anything, however, the music is fun and free, like Buffett himself. The video on the CD shows Buffett surfing and sailing, sharing a beer with the natives, dancing with African tribesmen, and traveling all across the globe. His mobile spirit draws his audience to his work.

In "Altered Boy (Beware Paraguay)," Buffett alludes to his reputation as a free spirit: "Why does he never stop smiling?/Fun surrounds him like a deep moat...But Peter Pan would understand/His schemes and dreams and ploys." He plays off this theme with other songs like "Last Man Standing," in which he sings, "If they gave Olympic Medals/For rockin' all night long/I would have won 'em all till I turned pro." He's even bold enough to philosophize in song, "What If The Hokey Pokey Is All It Really Is About?"

*Far Side of the World* takes the catchy tunes for which Buffett is well-known and brings them to a new level of emotional vulnerability. Yet he will hang onto his old fans with songs that exemplify his uninhibited attitude.

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**TV REVIEW**

## This Ain't the PGA

### Comedy Central's The Sweet Spot

By Amy L Meadows

STAFF WRITER

*The Sweet Spot*

Directed by Joel Murray

Starring Bill Murray, Brian Doyle-Murray, Joel Murray, and John Murray

Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

Premiering April 2

Golf is notoriously boring to watch; it does not have any of the charms of other televised sports. The announcers speak only slightly above a whisper. There is no head-on competition with another team or player, and the most exciting action is a pudgy player whacking a small ball every fifteen minutes. Bill Murray and his brothers Brian, Joel, and John hope to change common conceptions of golf with their new series, *The Sweet Spot*.

Bill Murray was first associated with golf via his role in the 1980 hit movie *Caddyshack*. His gopher-obsessed groundskeeper immediately ensured his place in the annals of comedy history, but Murray has had to work to keep his association with golf alive. A few years ago, the Murray brothers opened a *Caddyshack*-themed restaurant in St. Augustine, Florida. While the restaurant may have been a stretch, *The Sweet Spot* takes Bill Murray's association with golf to the outer limits of plausibility.

One can only imagine the pitch the Murray brothers made to Comedy Central when asking the network to finance their travels and games of golf in exchange for a comedy series. Perhaps they mentioned Comedy Central already bankrolling the only somewhat funny *The Man Show*. They might have brought up Bill Murray's loyal fans from years of *Saturday Night Live* and hit movies. Or perhaps the network just believed that the time was ripe for a hit series about golf, a *Happy Gilmore* for the small screen.

Whatever the ultimate reason for the existence of the series, the Murrays traveled far and wide to play golf at the most exotic and challenging golf courses they could find, including Twin Palms in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Palm Spring Resort in Cathedral City, California.

Some of the comic antics may have been the result of the deal with Comedy Central, since they do not always mesh well with the tone of the series. The brothers compete for the Braggart's Cup at each stop on the "tour," but the other characters and skits are sometimes out of place. Ponce de Leon shows up in St. Augustine and a drunken announcer runs through the course in his skivvies on Lake Geneva.

Also, for a show that claims to be about golf, there is surprisingly little golf in *The Sweet Spot*. Instead, skits seem to take up much of each episode. In the Wisconsin episode, Ryan Stiles plays Liberace. In another, Tim Meadows plays a personal injury lawyer specializing in golf, vowing, "I will make them pay."

*The Sweet Spot* has even taken some low-brow cues from Comedy Central's *The Man Show*. John makes Joel funnel beer to give him "Wisconfidence." And, inevitably, in each episode, random women somehow make their way onto the course to dance around in bikinis.

Though some antics are contrived, others go well with the stated goal of the series: to watch the brothers compete for bragging rights. In the premiere episode, Joel rolls his eyes at Bill and Brian, saying, "Ike, Tina, let's hit the ball." The other brothers peg Bill with the nickname "Captain Hook" for his crooked drives.

Moreover, like a childhood game among siblings, the rules of *The Sweet Spot* constantly change. At the Slammer and Squire golf course in St. Augustine, Florida, Joel Murray insists that in order to take an extra shot, or Mulligan, a brother must be dressed by the other brothers in costume. John must dress as Robin, Joel as a nun, Bill as Zorro, and Brian as Ben Franklin.

The episode at the Grand Geneva Resort in Wisconsin has many elements that work, including themed holes like the 9th "Full Contact" hole or the 10th "Open Season Hunting" hole. Instead of relying on tangential stories and skits, the show would do well to set up a few funny situations, let the competitive banter develop normally, and focus a little more on the golf.

As the announcer says: "Many come to play, but few ever find the sweet spot." Indeed, this series ought to spend more time looking for it.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

# The Other Side

## Tasty Affordable Dining on Newbury Street

By Eric Chemi

STAFF WRITER

Other Side Cosmic Café

407 Newbury Street (617) 536-9477

Mon-Thurs, 10 a.m.-12 a.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 12 a.m.-12 p.m.

Drinks \$2-4, entrees \$5-6

A funky eatery with a hip, youthful crowd, the Other Side Cafe is worth a try for anybody who hasn't ventured in before. Far from your typical dining experience, upon entering you'll be immersed in the environment: indie/alternative rock playing in the background, lots of chatter among the patrons, and a remarkably relaxed atmosphere.

Seat yourself; there are no bad seats in the house. You can choose to stay outside on the front patio, as many smoking customers choose to do. Stay on the main indoor level and watch the cooks rapidly prepare dozens of orders. Or, my personal choice: ascend the stairs to the upper level to find a distinct setup. Included are the comfortable couches where you can choose to have your meals served. Grab a window booth or get a table overlooking the lower level. Either way, if you go to the top you'll be up near the pink neon lights that provide most of the upper level's lighting.

The service is fast, friendly, and relaxed. The customers and waiters have a casual and carefree style to them, which fits in nicely with the laid-back wardrobes. The walls are adorned with murals and other decorative patterns. And you'll quickly notice the menu's charmingly refreshing vocabulary.

Everything is made fresh on the spot, so you'll wait a couple extra minutes, but it is certainly worth it. While you're waiting, grab some chips and salsa with homemade guacamole on the side. The chips are crunchy and the dips are chunky.

The selection of drinks is absolutely enormous. There are so many good choices to pick from; what a delicious problem to have. My personal pick is Sunrise Italian Soda, a refreshing blend of pineapple and orange syrup and seltzer served over ice. The bubbliness is tongue-tickling, perfectly complemented by the subtle sweetness of the fruit flavors. The selection of wines come from places like Spain, France, Italy, Australia, and California. The beers are mostly standard, but if you go here you might as well order a drink that is unique to this restaurant.

You can get some Carrot Apple Spinach Ginger from the "Pharmacy" department. Apple Strawberry Lemon Bubbly, Mochaccino, Milky Way, Nutty Nilla, Bahama Mama, and Chocolate Moo are also all available. I recommend the Peppermint Patty, a great latte served with just a subtle touch of chocolate and mint.

Moving from the liquids to the solids on the menu, the restaurant offers a high-quality selection of sandwiches, salads, pastas, as well as other lunch and dinner specials. In particular, the roast beef sandwich is a good pick. Topped with lettuce, tomatoes, and the finest Boursin cheese, this sandwich is a hearty filler. The bread, beef, and toppings all blend into one taste entity. The tuna melt is also a real treat, with melted cheese and warm, toasty bread. The tuna melt goes well with the pesto pasta salad. The warm sandwich flavors contrast well with cold pasta and generous amounts of parmesan and pesto.

Lots of vegetarian and some vegan options fit the mainly health-conscious menu. Nevertheless, the desserts are exquisite, especially the chocolate ribbon cake. Neither too light nor too dense, too chocolatey or too sweet, you can actually eat the entire piece of cake. The dessert fittingly tops off a meal with balanced flavors on a student budget.

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Real estate agents Levene (Ken Baltin) and Roman (Ted Reinstein) vie for prizes in David Mamet's *Glenngarry Glenn Ross*.

## THEATER REVIEW

# Glenngarry Glenn Ross

## The Gritty World of Real Estate Salesmen

By Dan Tortrice

STAFF WRITER

Glenngarry Glenn Ross

Lyric Stage

March 15 - April 13 7:30pm

Written by David Mamet

Directed by Spiro Veloudos

David Mamet's *Glenngarry Glenn Ross* is one of the great plays of the last 25 years. A Pulitzer Prize winner for drama in 1984, it dramatizes the desperation of salesmen in Mamet's gritty Chicago style. The Lyric Stage's production of the play is top notch. Excellent performances by the actors and nice choices for scenery and layout make Mamet's real estate world come alive.

The premise of the play is simple. Four real estate agents working in an office stage a contest. The one who sells the most units by the end of the month gets a Cadillac. The sec-

ond place salesman gets a pair of steak knives. Third and fourth place get fired.

As the play begins a gritty rock and roll theme plays on bass guitar sets the mood nicely. The set design is simple: two red, booth style chairs, a table, and a large golden dragon hanging in the background. This set keeps to Mamet's minimalist style, while clearly evoking a Chinese restaurant. The first scene contains two characters: the real estate agents' boss, and an agent, Shelly Levene, who we soon find out is losing the contest. The boss sits with his back to the audience, leaving the focus on the agent, who is clearly the lead.

Unfortunately, Ken Baltin (Levene) did not take full advantage of the situation. He was unable to bring out the true sense of desperation his character feels with his job on the line. To his defense, the audience was small, and low energy levels may have made it difficult for him to initially settle into his character. By his next appearance in the play, Mr.

Baltin had settled nicely into his role, making Levene's emotions palpable to the audience.

In the third scene of the play, we meet Richard Roma, the salesman winning the contest. From smooth speech to suave manner, Ted Reinstein is completely convincing as Roma, capturing perfectly his slick confidence. Mark S. Cartier also gives a commendable performance as the worrisome, squirmy agent Aronow, who, despite the likely loss of his job, is more resigned than desperate.

The play culminates in one scene in the second act, set in the real estate office. In contrast to the simple set of the first act, elaborate props create a convincing office that does justice to Mamet's real estate world. Unfortunately, the Lyric Stage doesn't have a curtain, so intermission was spent watching the stage managers set up the office. Attention to detail made up for this inconvenience, however. The director made an interesting choice in staging the last scene. The boss' office is indicated by only a door frame and the audience is able to see the characters miming conversations in the office while the main action of the play takes place outside with the audience. While I found this annoying for most of the second act, it nicely highlights the final moments of the play. The Lyric Stage's Production nicely captures Mamet's gritty world.

## INTERVIEW

# Rusted Root

## Eclectic Music From Beyond

By Allison Lewis

STAFF WRITER

Rusted Root consists of six musicians — four males, two females — and a range of instruments from the guitar to the penny whistle. Their first album, *When I Woke* (1994) featured the hit "Send Me On My Way" and went platinum in 1996. Their new album, *Welcome to My Party*, features an electric guitar and computer sounds not used in their previous songs. The Tech spoke with vocalists Mike Glabicki and Jenn Wertz.

TT: Who has influenced you most?

MG: Neil Young, Radiohead.

JW: Rolling Stones, Blues.

TT: Where do you get ideas for your songs?

MG: I write most of them on acoustic guitar, then we just get together and build around them.

JW: Have you heard the new album? "Union 7" is basically about all of us, these characters in a bar.

MG: And "People in My Village" just started on drum, this groove with Jim.

JW: In the past, we'd all just build around Mike, but I think this album we've all been more collaborative. Liz and me both wrote our own songs.

TT: You've been compared a lot to Dave Matthews, and your music combines Latin, African, soul, and rock. How would you describe your music?

JW: Well, like you say, it can't be compared, and it's hard to describe. It's just us, made up of our personalities. We play a little bluegrass, folk, rock, African, soul. It just comes from beyond.

TT: You've toured with groups such as Dave Matthews Band, the Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers. What's been your favorite tour?

JW: Page and Plant, Ratdog.

MG: Santana. We went onstage and played about six songs with them that were basically all improv.

TT: What's your favorite city to perform in?

JW: New York

MG: Kalamazoo, Milwaukee, Chicago.

JW: Yeah, now I remember Chicago. They have this great crowd; they're our friends.

TT: Favorite song to perform live?

MG: Well, it changes, but right now, I'd say Blue Diamond.

JW: Yeah, that's what I was going to say. Blue Diamond is this ballad, but it's not delicate. It's this duet between Mike and me.

TT: How is listening to you perform live different from listening to the recording?

JW: There's this connection you get with the audience when you perform live. It's wild and uninhibited. Frequency. Modulation. There's definitely this alchemy because the audience takes part in it. It's meaty.

MG: Yeah, there's just something you get out of hearing it performed live, and if you hear a recording of a live show, it might not be there. It's too big for CD, too big for audio, too big for television.

TT: Who are you listening to now?

MG: Ryan Adams, The Frames, The Outcasts.

JW: North Mississippi Allstars, Doors, R.E.M., Radiohead.

TT: What advice would you give to other bands out there trying to make it?

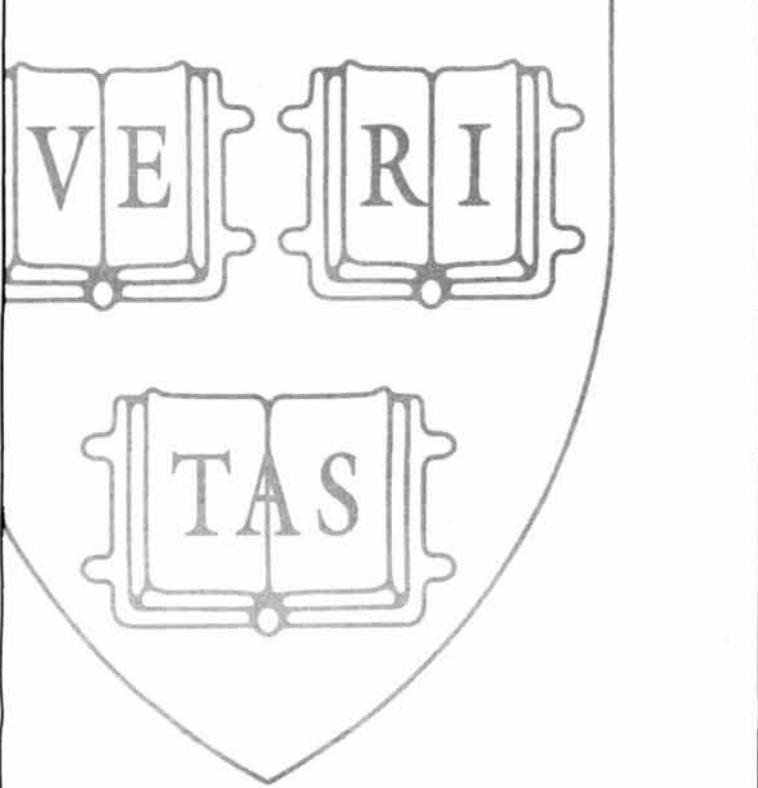
JW: You have to develop an audience first. Grassroots. So definitely just get out there.

Rusted Root shows their unique Eclectic Alchemy with their new album, *Welcome to My Party*.

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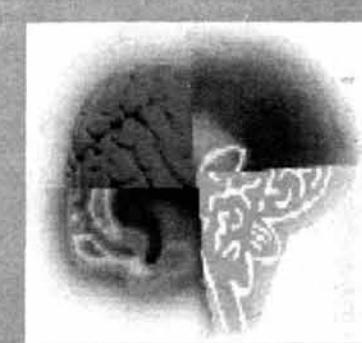
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# UA Resolves to Protect Choice Of Housing for Upperclassmen

By Christine Fry  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Council passed a resolution against the possibility that MIT might compel "upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their current housing" next year.

"A Resolution to Protect Choice in Housing," proposed by Benjamin J. Zeskind '03, UA Council vice chair and MacGregor House Representative, states "That compelling upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their housing should not be considered as a housing option for next year, and ... they be encouraged to move voluntarily through incentives, and ... contingency plans be developed that do not involve compelling upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their current housing."

"We're not trying to pick a fight. We want to be democratic," Zeskind said.

"This resolution is not reactionary to something coming down the pipeline," said Jaime E. Devoreaux '02, UA President. Rather, the resolution is simply a formal statement of the opinion of the council on the issue.

The plan to force students to move into Simmons Hall and the new graduate student residence at Sidney and Pacific streets is currently being considered by the administration to alleviate housing problems caused by housing

all freshmen on campus next year, Devoreaux said.

"There are 19 days before short-term housing plans need to be made. Decisions have not been made," Devoreaux said. She told the council that 400 students must be moved out of the dorm system next year. This could be done through the Senior Segue plan; giving Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Epsilon Phi, sororities that currently do not own houses, space in Sidney-Pacific; and by students choosing to join fraternities, sororities or independent living groups.

### Sororities to be housed in dorm

The sororities will be given as many rooms in Sidney-Pacific as they need, according to Yun-Ling Wong '02, Interfraternity Council representative to the UA.

"We're seeing how many [sorority members] want to go. [MIT] will give us as many rooms as [members] willing to move," Wong said.

There is still some uncertainty surrounding when construction of Sidney-Pacific will be completed. The sororities do not know when they will find out if the dorm will be finished by the fall.

"There are so many variables right now. There are no back-up plans," Wong said.

**Institute use of fee still uncertain**  
The proposed \$200 student

activity fee will be split between funding the cost of construction and operation of the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center and a discretionary fund for Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict and Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert.

The details of how the fee will be used are still not known by the UA and the Association of Student Activities Executive Board. Devoreaux described the details given by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay as "a little vague."

The fee is expected to raise approximately \$2 million. The Zesiger Center fund will receive \$1.4 million and the discretionary fund will be given \$600,000.

"We're not seeing why the Zesiger Center should be treated differently [from Johnson Athletic Center]," said Victoria K. Anderson '02, UA Speaker and UA Representative to ASA Executive Board. Johnson Athletic Center operating costs are currently paid for through tuition.

The discretionary fund can be used by Deans Benedict and Colbert as they see fit. Devoreaux said the deans can use the money for such things as large campus events.

The future actions of the ASA Executive Board are unknown.

"We're trying to decide how much students want to fight this battle," Anderson said.

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# Some Oppose Vest's Choice for Speaker

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counterbalancing speaker."

In the few weeks that first petition was circulated, 368 signatures were procured. Though not all signatories were members of the graduating class, a "significant percentage" were seniors.

#### Wolfensohn not seen as exemplary

"The speaker should represent the ideals of what seniors should aspire to be," Basu said. "[Wolfensohn] is not a fair example of what we should be doing as a class."

Basu, who drafted the petition, is also fundamentally opposed to having Wolfensohn as speaker.

"Just based on what he's done, I think it's horrible," Basu said. "His organization fails at a good third of its projects, which result in millions of ruined lives. Especially with forced displacement, international students at MIT have been affected."

"Especially since this is the first time [Wolfensohn] has come to speak at MIT, calling him as someone to look up to, someone who internationally called a failure by every economics professor I know," Basu said.

#### MIT's responsibility questioned

Though administration and students agree that MIT should recognize the variety of opinions on issues concerning Wolfensohn, they disagree on how this duty should be fulfilled.

"MIT, as an institute of higher learning has a responsibility to encourage development and foster diversity of opinion. Especially if you bring in someone like James Wolfensohn, there's a certain obligation to ensure that all viewpoints are recognized," Mendiratta said.

Kolenbrander, on the other hand, believes that the controversy surrounding Wolfensohn makes him an ideal speaker.

"I think that one of the most important things at an intellectual community is difference of opinion. It is important and expected that on matters there is a broad range of perspectives," Kolenbrander said. "I'd be disappointed if all members of our community don't feel strongly. I know that Wolfensohn represents some of the most important issues of our time."

#### Student input disregarded

Though both the UA president and the GSC president presented five suggestions for commencement speaker, they were not recognized, according to Mendiratta. Wolfensohn was not

among the suggested speakers.

"The commencement speaker is selected by the president and the invitation has been made," Kolenbrander said.

"Personally my problem with [Wolfensohn] is that I have different views on global issues, but that's not really the point," Mendiratta said.

"What's unacceptable is having a speaker who represents such a policy and not offering any challenge to that," Basu said.

#### Alternative speakers suggested

Besides the original ten suggestions offered by the UA and the GSC, the students who are urging administration to offer a forum and to reconsider their decision for Commencement speaker also made up a list of speakers they saw as more appropriate. Among them were Joseph E. Stiglitz PhD '67, a Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, and Arundhati Roy, an author and winner of the Booker Prize.

In addition, 35 students have signed a petition to substitute Lawrence Turead ("Mr. T") as Commencement speaker.

#### Protesters disruptive, necessary

Because of Wolfensohn's prominence as head of the controversial World Bank, his presence often draws organized protests.

"You have to think that they'll show up," Mendiratta said. "There are certain groups that show up wherever Wolfensohn speaks that need to voice their opposition."

The question of security, not only for Wolfensohn, but for the graduates themselves, arose from the expected protests.

"It's a matter that all of us take seriously," Kolenbrander said. "Commencement needs to be a celebration. Protesters have very important rights to oppose that will have to be balanced to keep graduation respectful and safe."

"The security of the graduates is the primary concern," Mendiratta said.

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### CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

#### Stata Center

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#### Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center

Removal of scaffolding is in progress. Accesses to W34 and Kresge Auditorium may be congested as construction continues.

#### Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. Accessibility to certain areas of the east corridors will be restricted as work continues.

#### 70 Pacific Street

Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

#### Vassar St. Utilities

Sewer replacement work has begun in Vassar St. from Building 42 heading west. Traffic flow and parking may be affected near the work zone. Drain construction is underway near the Stata site. Truck and machine movement may cause delays. The parking lot between Buildings 45 and 48 is closed to allow for utility construction.

#### Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed. Testing of the signals is now underway. Landscape work will begin later in the spring.

#### Mass Ave Storm Drain

Workers will be installing a water main across Albany Street. No Parking signs will be posted on Albany Street from Mass. Ave. to Cross Street. Albany Street west of Mass. Ave. may be closed and a detour will be in effect. The street will remain open to local traffic.

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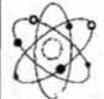
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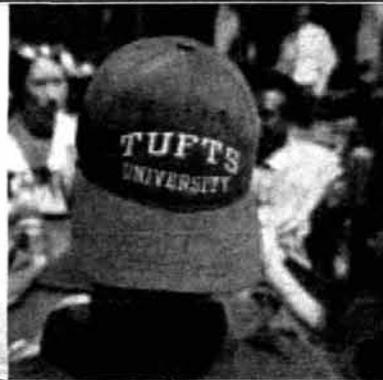
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# State Legislature to Review City's Petition

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had told the Associated Press before the June 2001 vote, "I just don't believe that a 16-year-old or 17-year-old has had enough life experience to be prepared to vote."

Now, Heintz said, Toomey is one of the group's biggest supporters. The group will be working with Toomey starting next week to lobby the legislature, Heintz said.

Curtis Gans, Director of the Washington, D.C.-based Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, said the council's vote was "crazy."

"When you are obligated as you are at 18 for certain citizenship responsibilities, like perhaps going to war, you're old enough to vote ... on the policies that may lead us to that war, but people at 17 do not have the maturity and judgment that are needed to make wise citizen choices," he said.

"All [lowering the voting age] is going to do is further reduce voter turnout," Gans added. "The age group with the most significant decline in voter turnout in America is 18-year-olds."

Gans said that "an estimated eight percent" of 18-year-olds voted in 1998. "You want to get it down to six percent, maybe you can do it," he said.

## Chance of passage unclear

The legislation requested by the Council will be "very difficult to pass," said Christian Scorzoni, an aide to State Senator Robert E. Travaglini, whose district includes MIT. "I'd say the chances of it passing are close to slim to none."

Although Travaglini thinks "the merits are good to involve more people in" the voting process, Scorzoni said, passing such legislation is "a long uphill process that I don't think it will gain much steam up here."

"Being cautiously optimistic, it may pass," said Matt Irish, chief of staff for State Senator Steven A. Tolman, who also represents parts of Cambridge and Boston.

Irish noted that many legislators have a policy of always voting for home rule petitions. However, he said, the legislative process is long, and the legislature is likely to be occupied with the common-

wealth's budget for the rest of its session. If the petition is not enacted by the end of the legislature's formal session on July 31, "it would have to be refiled" by the council.

A previous council petition to allow Cambridge residents intending to become United States citizens to vote in school committee elections has languished in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since its submission in January 2001.

## Students discuss voting benefits

Student organizers said that the intent of their efforts was to allow high-school seniors to vote at least once before leaving town for college.

"I think there's a real chance to get people hooked on voting at a young age," Baer said. "Voting is habit-forming."

Many local issues directly concern high-school students, Heintz said, such as the "restructuring of the high school, school choice in the elementary schools" and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)

examination slated to become a high-school graduation requirement.

Baer added the location of Cambridge's libraries and funding for after-school programs and bike lanes to the list of local issues important to high-schoolers.

Affected MIT students were generally unenthusiastic about the idea of voting in city elections at the age of 17.

Eric T. Syu '04 was 17 during last November's election, but said he "probably would not have" voted in the election even if he could have. "That's a function of the fact that I only was in Cambridge a year by then, so I didn't know what anyone's position was," Syu said.

Xin J. Sin '05 also said he wouldn't have voted last November had he been eligible at 17.

Only Vincent S.H. Yeung '05, who is 15, expressed enthusiasm with the Council's vote, saying he plans to vote at 17 if he is eligible.

Of MIT's 1,033 current freshmen, 128 were not yet 18 by last November's election, said Assistant Registrar Iria J. Romano.

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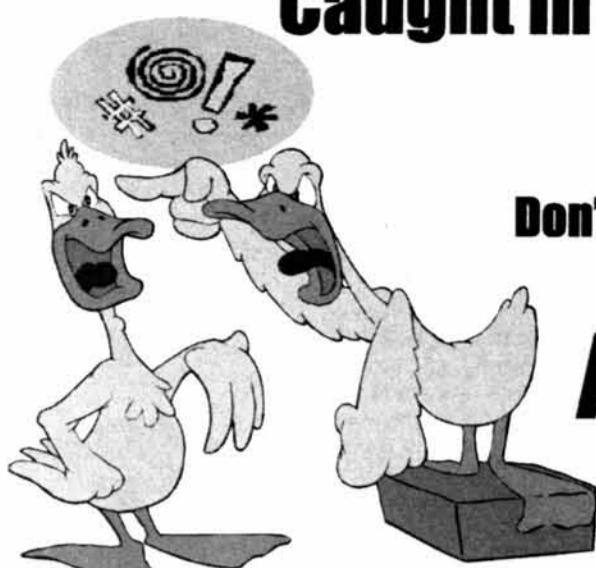
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# Education Was High Priority for Wynne

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School of Management in 1958 and served as an associate dean at Sloan from 1961 to 1967, when he was named vice president, organization systems. He worked as vice president, administration and personnel, from 1970 until he retired in 1980.

Following his retirement, Wynne continued to be active at MIT and in higher education. As vice president emeritus, he consulted on matters including redrafting MIT's Policies and Procedures Manual.

In 1983, he was appointed to the board of trustees of Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, Iowa. He and his son Robert, MUM's vice president of expansion, contributed to the development of the institution's MBA and PhD programs in management.

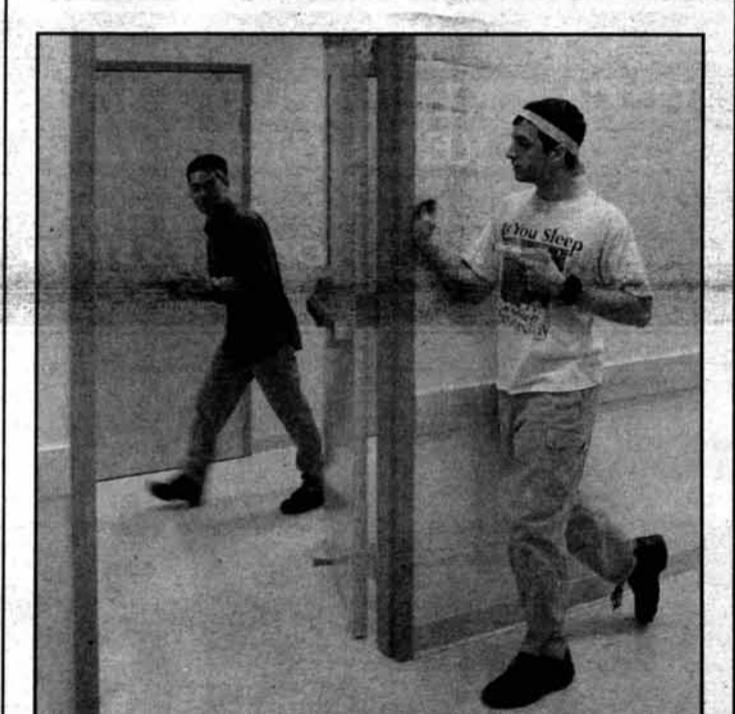
Wynne visited India in 1987 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta and was honored as the founding director of the Institute's post-graduate diploma in management program. In 1993 he was appointed to the board of trustees of Maharishi Institute of Management in India which, in collaboration with MUM in Iowa, offers an MBA program in five Indian cities.

Born in Salina, Kan., on June 14,

1920, Wynne earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1940 from the University of Kansas and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. He began his graduate studies at Stanford University, but they were interrupted by World War II. Wynne served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy on destroyers in the Atlantic Fleet and aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Intrepid. He was a major in the U.S. Air Force in 1951-52 during the Korean War. Afterward, he worked for the Air Force as a civilian in Sacramento, Calif., and lectured in industrial management at Sacramento State College.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Gurley), of Magnolia and Casa de Campo; two sons, Robert G. Wynne of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa, and John Wynne Jr. of Boston; two sisters, Dorothy Zimmerman and Gwen Tilley, both of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother, Robert B. of Boston; a daughter-in-law, Maureen of Maharishi Vedic City; and a brother-in-law, Don Tilley of Lincoln.

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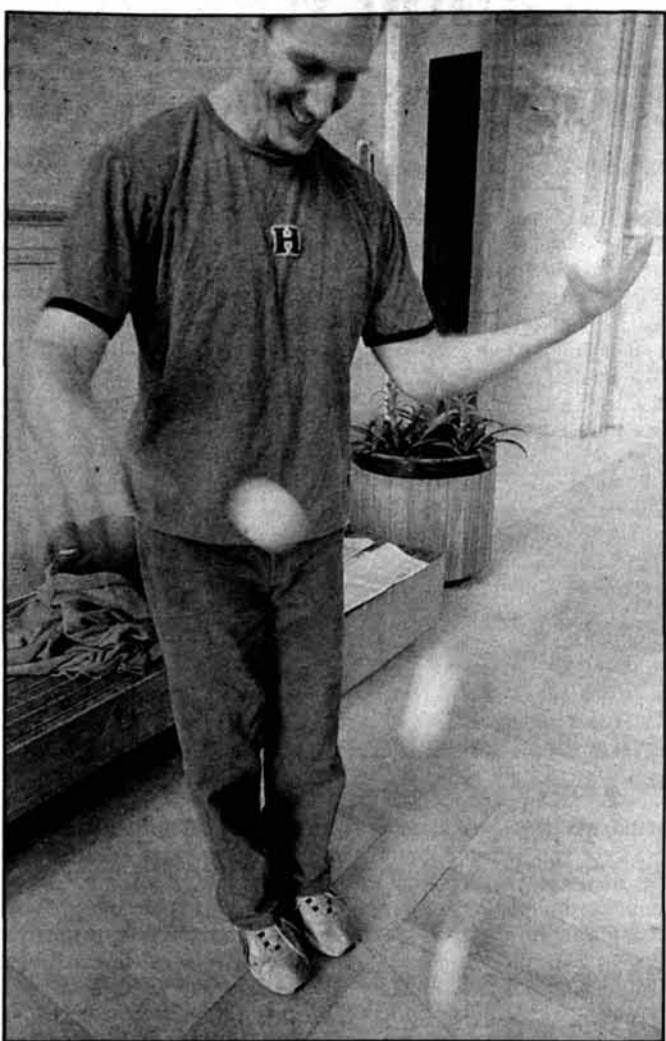
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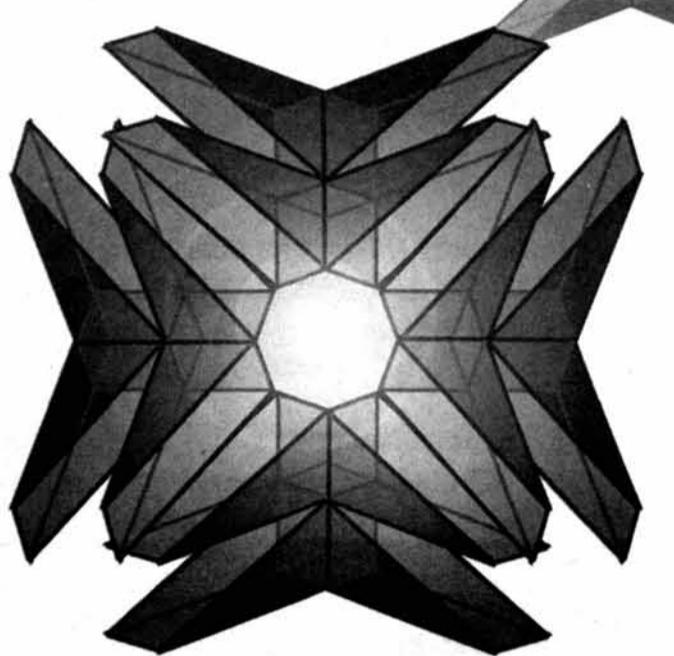
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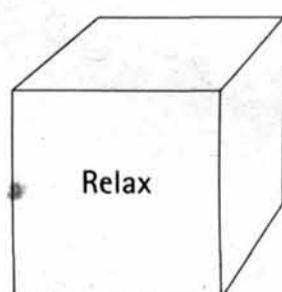
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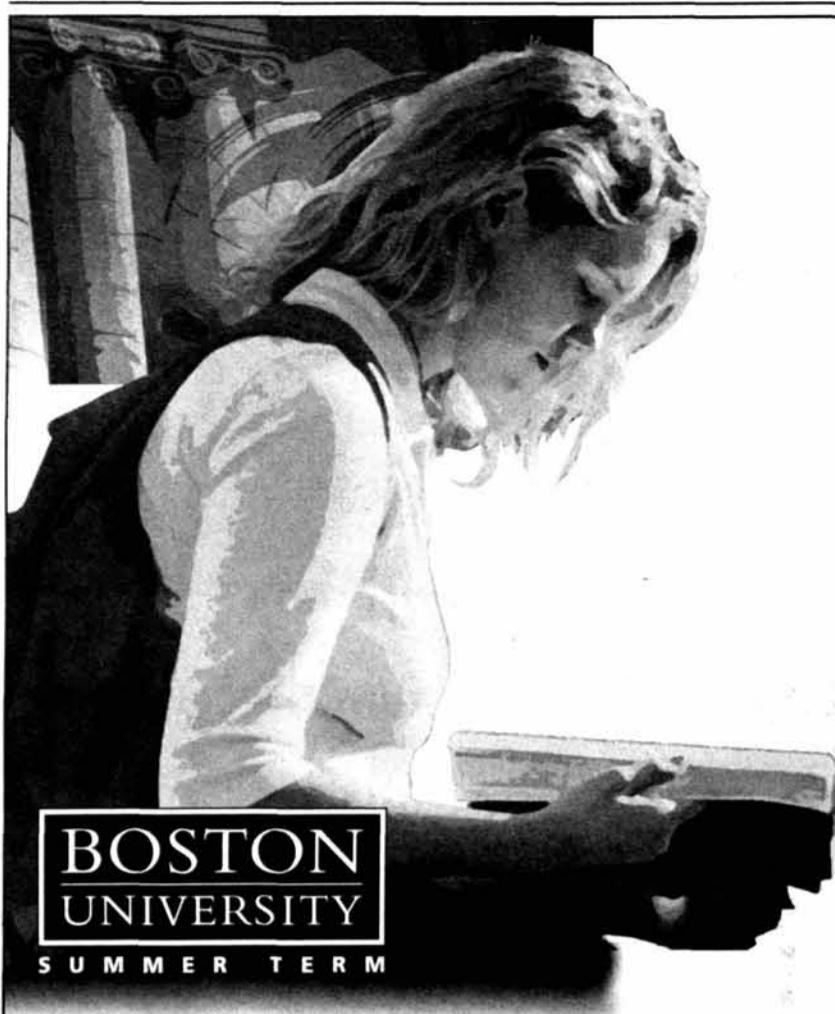


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# Lottery To Settle Transfer Requests

**Transfers**, from Page 1

housing system in the past. "[My roommate and I] were 12th in line for Baker at one point and then we moved 18th for some reason," she said. "I didn't understand the process at all."

"Normally we had a very long list for house-to-house switches that many on the list have complained about," said Director of Housing Operations Karen A. Nilsson, who signed off on the lottery plan. "The lottery is a much better way to go."

#### Mandatory move questioned

The installation of a mandatory move has sparked some controversy. Initially, the required move was expected to go hand-in-hand with the lottery system. Others doubt the necessity of requiring students to commit to moving and say it may result in a reluctance to use the system.

"These are not big changes," Nilsson said. "This is not a real change in policy." Nilsson added that she did not expect that those who sign up for a transfer would decline their choice of dormitory.

Others, however, have done just that.

W. Maria Wang '04 received an offer from her first choice dorm but declined the offer after learning more details.

"I applied for a transfer to McCormick and they told me I got in a few weeks ago," she said. "I asked Denise Vallay whether the room was a triple with freshmen, which I didn't want. She informed me that it was a triple, and I therefore decided not to move." Wang said the new system has given her second thoughts about transferring.

"I don't think many people will start being reluctant to move with this new system," Cain said. "It may irk a couple people but it will not have a huge effect."

#### Simmons recruiting changes little

The new policy has also created unique situations for the Simmons dormitory.

"There was no relation between the lottery and Simmons," said Simmons Steering Committee Co-chair Vikash Gilja '03. "This is something they have been trying to implement for a while. I don't think it affects Simmons in any way."

While those who sign up for Simmons as a first choice before April 10 are guaranteed a spot, others may still request a spot after that date. Participants also have until April 10 to back out.

"The mandatory clause will probably not have a big effect on applicants," Gilja said. "It's really just a direct transfer. Right now we've had about 198 on the list, but there probably will be fluctuation."

Some students disagree. Wang, who had earlier planned to move to Simmons, said she was unsure about the change in policy. "Originally I was planning to see how the room lottery turned out and see who my neighbors were going to be," she said.

"There will obviously be changes to how the dorm is forming up until August," said Ruth M. Perlmuter '04, who hopes to transfer to Simmons in 2003. "I think people should reserve the right to withdraw their application until then." Perlmuter, however, is not withdrawing her own application for the dorm.

Gilja said that since the announcement of the lottery implementation, about 20 students have signed up for Simmons.

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Team names were as varied as the skill levels of the teams, with some of the more creative including Frozen Solids (Physics Grads), Evil Slide Rulers (Warehouse), Frigid Designators (Linguistics), and Halting Problem (AI Lab/LCS). One team, the Floating Goldfish (Next House) even came to play with their very own mascot on skates: a bright orange, felt goldfish-suited defenseman.

The top end of the A and B leagues looked similar to the previous season, with the Sloan A Team, GSC Tigers, Cold Fusion (Chemistry), and Scuds (Aero-Astro) making playoffs in A league, and Exe-

cution Time (AI/Lab for Comp Sci), Zeta Psi, Toxic Waste (Chemistry) and the Ice Pack (HST) rounding out the B league bracket.

The first round held no surprises, with the top seeds dispatching lower seeds as expected (though the Zeta Psi-Toxic Waste game was a squeaker for ZP at 2-1 in B league).

While Sloan (5-0-0) won even their closest game of the regular season 1-0 while playing short handed (only five skaters and a goalie), they forfeited the A league championship game due to a scheduling conflict which arose too late to reschedule. As a result the GSC Tigers (5-1-1) won the A league championship by default.

### B league final goes to double OT

The B league championship between Execution Time (6-2-0) and Zeta Psi (4-2-0), on the other hand, was easily the closest game of the IM Hockey season.

Execution Time jumped out to an early lead with three goals in the first period while shutting down Zeta Psi's offense. Shortly into the second period, Zeta Psi put their first goal on the board to close the gap to two. Execution Time answered that goal, but was unable to contain Zeta Psi's run over the next period and a half.

With Zeta Psi up by a score of 5-4, Execution Time scored again in the final minutes of the third period to tie the game at five. Ties are decided by shootout in IM playoff games since overtime is not scheduled.

Four shooters were chosen from each team to square off against the netminders. Zeta Psi's Richard M. Hanna G started things off with a score against Execution Time's Dylan Zeigler, who then closed the door on Zeta Psi's remaining shooters. Only Bradford Schneider was able to beat Zeta-Psi's Jeffrey C. Mellen '03, re-establishing the tie after four shooters.

Hanna scored again during the following one-man shootout, clinching the B league championship 7-6 for Zeta Psi, as Execution Time's shooter was unable to solve Mellen at the opposite end of the ice.

Hockeyphiles on campus are now adjusting to life with no ice at MIT, and eagerly awaiting next October 15th when a cold floor will once again return to Johnson Athletic center. Until then, rollerblades will have to take the place of the genuine article.

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JONATHAN WANG—THE TECH

Skipper Marjory A. Bravard '02 and Cristina E. Roussel '03 sail in last weekend's Boston Dinghy Cup.

## Women's Tennis Victorious over Vassar in First Match of Season

By Caroline Tien

TEAM MEMBER

This past weekend, the MIT Women's Tennis Team battled for five hours to open their spring season with a 6-3 win over Vassar College.

**T**he sunny morning was favorable to the MIT women as they started with a 2-1 lead in doubles. Larissa H. Egloff '04 and Julie J. Koo '03 used a fine combination of power and placement to close off their tight match at 9-8. Despite fighting a hard battle, Ann Hsing '01

and Shima Rayej '04 lost 8-2 while Caroline Tien '04 and Jessica Hall '01 skillfully put their opponents away 8-3. Freshmen Jaclyn E. Cichon and Vanessa K. Selbst stepped up to the challenge, but lost 8-2.

Although they had a lead going into singles, the team knew that the singles matches would prove to be a long battle. Despite a tough first set, Rayej walked off with a 7-6, 6-0 victory, and alongside her, Koo easily overpowered her opponent to win 6-2, 6-1. Egloff used her strong serve and ground strokes to win 6-4, 6-2,

and Tien battled for a while to win 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Despite impeccable footwork and patience, Hall lost 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 and Cichon lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Selbst decisively blew her opponent away 6-3, 6-2, as did Hsing with a 6-0, 6-3 win. Despite well-placed shots, Jen Lee lost 7-6, 6-1.

Next weekend, the team will travel to Maine to face Bates on Friday.

On Saturday at 10 a.m. they will play Trinity in their first home match of the season, and Sunday at 1 p.m. they will battle it out against Bowdoin on the home courts again.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

### Tuesday, April 2

Softball vs. Brandeis University, 4:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 3

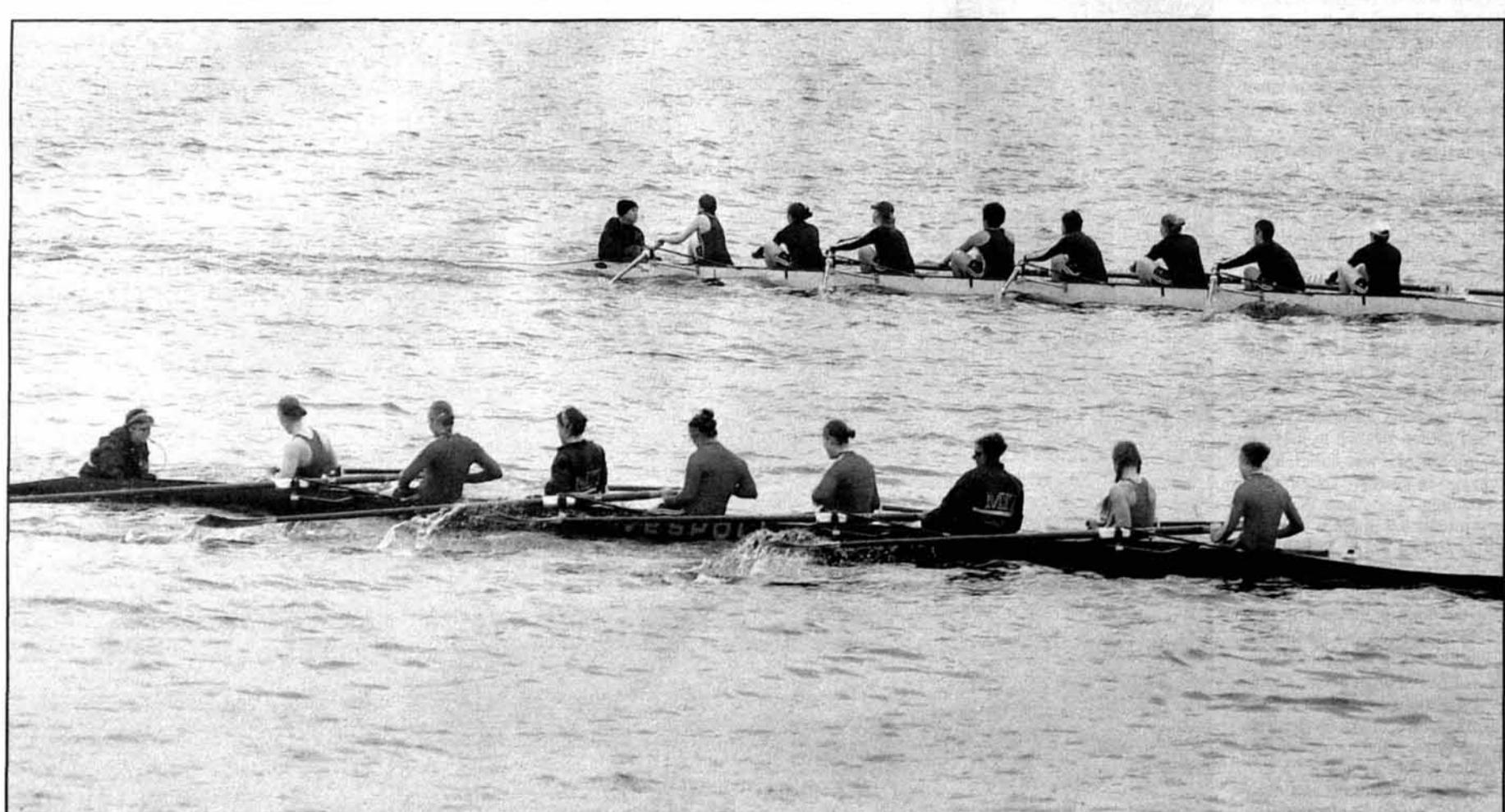
Men's Tennis vs. WPI, 3:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 4

Women's Lacrosse vs. Colby-Sawyer College, 6:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 5

Softball vs. Smith College, 3:00 p.m.



ERIC J. CHOLANKERIL—THE TECH

MIT's varsity open weight boat pulls ahead of Smith College's boat in the women's second varsity race last Saturday. With a time of 8:16.21, the boat finished behind Dartmouth College, but ahead of Smith and the University of New Hampshire.